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Dear Sirs

PREVENTING POLLUTION PAYS

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation. Our responses to the questions we wish to respond to are as follows:

Q1) The Introduction to Pollution Prevention Pays explains how not taking care to protect the environment can cost your business money. Do you think we've explained this clearly?

We think some reference should be made to the historic environment, particularly impacts on listed buildings and archaeology. Whilst these regimes are not the responsibility of the Environment Agency they frequently overlap, and even conflict with, issues which are EA responsibilities. We think cross-referencing might be made (say by footnote) of the need to ensure compliance with all statutory regimes.

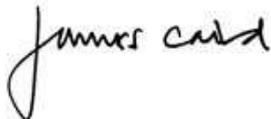
Q9) The 'Is your site right? 10 point checklist' is included to help businesses see where they need to make environmental improvements on their site. Do you think this is a useful checklist?

We think this could include reference to other possibly relevant regimes such as historic environment.

Q13) Please tell us if you have any other views or comments on our guidance that haven't been covered by previous questions.

Overall we find the draft document helpful. However, we think it should avoid giving the impression that EA interests are the only ones that may have to be complied with and appropriate cross-referencing might be the way to achieve this.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Caird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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