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Dear Ms Britton

**BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE:
APPROACH TO EXERCISING POWERS TO ISSUE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTIONS
UNDER PART 4 OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008**

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.

The Institute strongly supports the structured approach to climate change issues set out in the consultation document and draft guidance. Our comments relate to questions 4, 5 and 7 in the Consultation Paper and the range of reporting authorities set out in Appendix B.

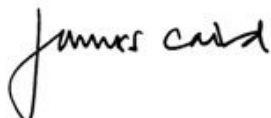
The Institute believes that the historic built environment is vulnerable to climate change in a number of respects including:

- flooding;
- coastal erosion;
- the direct damaging effects of severer climatic conditions: wind, rainfall intensity, water penetration, frost, solar radiation and its thermal impacts, and changes in soil conditions;
- unsatisfactory alterations in the supposed alleviation of the effects of climate change, including those listed above and improved insulation standards;
- visual impacts on the setting of heritage assets.

Given the prime importance in conserving Wales's heritage assets for economic, regeneration and cultural reasons, the Institute believes that Cadw should be a reporting authority and that the programmes relating to the conservation of heritage should be reported by them and the relevant tier of Local Authorities in their general reporting.

It is reasonably clear to us that Cadw should not be a key reporting authority but consideration should be given to its being directed to report. At the very minimum it should join the list of authorities invited to report. Cadw might achieve the co-ordination of its reports by means of the Historic Environment Group (HEG), that the Heritage Minister has set up to report on key issues affecting the Historic Environment. The HEG includes the National Trust, IHBC, Historic Houses Association, RCAHMW, and the Archaeological Trusts.

Yours sincerely

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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