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Dear Mr Barrett

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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 supports the aims of the fund but would wish the description of its aims, benefits and application criteria to include visual improvements to townscape, including street furniture, floorscape and other hard and soft landscaping. As mentioned in the document, the removal of traffic from urban places by modal shift and traffic management can greatly improve their ambience and thus their liveability and economic performance. This is particularly true in historic areas which often had little capacity for the traffic they are expected to accommodate in the first place and where historic buildings can be adversely affected structurally by the impact of heavy traffic.

The Institute feels that this point might be referred to in paragraph 9 of the document.

We hope this comment is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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