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Dear Sirs

REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO LOCAL PEOPLE

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body for building conservation practitioners and historic environment experts working in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with connections to the Republic of Ireland. The Institute exists to establish, develop and maintain 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.

We feel we have no direct interest in the arrangements for Local Government in Wales and thus it is not appropriate for us to complete the Questionnaire. However we would like to make two points:

- We support the thoughtful approach to renewing local government structures and processes in Wales.
- We would wish to see all concrete proposals for change to be considered in the light of what impact they may have on the delivery of specific local authority services. We are interested specifically in heritage services but we think this principle applies to all.

Yours faithfully

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