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Dear Sirs

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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.

The Institute welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation. The Institute has no objection to the scope or general direction of the proposed Strategy.

We are concerned, however, at paragraph 41 (socio-economic criterion), that the possibility of government intervention is expressed as achieving a balance between the legal protection of species and the desirability of development. We agree with this but we think it is also worth pointing out that in some cases (listed buildings, for example), a balance has to be struck between two legal imperatives of which species protection is just one. We think this point should be dealt with explicitly in the Strategy.

Yours faithfully

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