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Dear Mr Greenway,

**Re: Conservation Principles: Guidance for the sustainable management of the historic environment in Northern Ireland.**

Thank you for your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 regarding the above.

I can advise that this consultation document was presented at the Council's 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Planning Committee, at which it was resolved that I would respond on behalf of the Council.

The Council acknowledges and welcomes that the document sets out a proposal for a Conservation Principles Framework for sustainable management decision-making affecting the historic environment in Northern Ireland. It encourages central government, local authorities, heritage asset owners, developers and their agents/advisers to refer to these Conservation Principles when considering changes which impact on a designated or non-designated heritage asset.

The Council also understands that the six overarching principles identified, which are based on internationally established conservation standards, will ensure that the process and consistency in decision-making and advice is transparent and that it will clarify the Department's position on important matters affecting heritage assets, including those in relation to its statutory obligations.

It is acknowledged that the publication, consistent with the approach taken in the other UK and Republic of Ireland jurisdictions, is tailored to the processes through which the historic environment is managed in Northern Ireland, and that it supports the Department's five-year strategy (Building Inclusive Communities 2020-2025) and has parallels in the draft Programme for Government and Regional Development Strategy 2035.

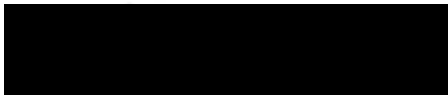
Council does, however, wish to highlight the importance of adequate funding being made easily available, otherwise this could become a financial burden on the affected property owners.

The Council also wishes to stress the importance of taking into account the likely impact that this may have on particular communities e.g., those living within the

World Heritage Site and its Distinctive Landscape Setting. As such it is considered important that any proposal is fully inclusive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,



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