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Dame Caroline Dinenage MP
Culture, Media and Sport Committee,
House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA

By email: CommonsCMS@parliament.uk

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Re: Protecting Built Heritage Inquiry

Dear Caroline,

We welcome the publication of the Committee's Report following the Protecting Built Heritage inquiry, and we'd like to thank you and all the Committee members for your work in undertaking this important inquiry.

We are pleased to see the Committee's recognition that built heritage plays a vital role in the country's economy, identity and community life, and that historic buildings contribute to local pride, tourism, housing supply and social cohesion.

While the report rightly identifies the significant challenges facing the heritage sector, we especially welcome the recognition that the sector offers plentiful solutions: that heritage is a powerful driver of economic growth, better housing, great places, and community health and wellbeing, and heritage presents the opportunity to create 670,000 new homes by reusing existing historic buildings, while driving regeneration and building stronger communities.

Following our appearance before the Committee, we have had productive early discussions with the Cabinet Office on how we work more effectively together and how we support good management and disposal of heritage assets within the government estate and hope to be able to update you on progress later this year.

Historic England will continue to champion the value of heritage and work with partners across government. We note the report's recommendations to government and as an arm's-length body, we will work closely with DCMS, as they give consideration to all the report's findings and recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Squire Claudia Kenyatta".

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