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Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy further reforms

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this consultation

The Institute for Archaeologists

The Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) is a professional body for the study and care of the historic environment. It promotes best practice in archaeology and provides a self-regulatory quality assurance framework for the sector and those it serves.

IfA has over 3,000 members and more than 70 registered practices across the United Kingdom. Its members work in all branches of the discipline: heritage management, planning advice, excavation, finds and environmental study, buildings recording, underwater and aerial archaeology, museums, conservation, survey, research and development, teaching and liaison with the community, industry and the commercial and financial sectors.

Community Infrastructure Levy further reforms

General

IfA supports the reforms to the Community Infrastructure Levy insofar as they facilitate the provision and maintenance of infrastructure relating to the historic environment. However, the Institute is concerned to see that undue emphasis is not given to economic viability in any reforms so as to frustrate sustainable development (which addresses the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development). The answer below is confined to the effects of the proposed reforms on the historic environment.

Specific Questions

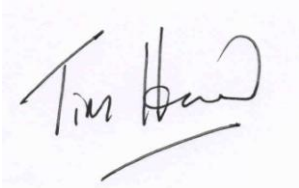
Question 1 - We are proposing to require a charging authority to strike an appropriate balance between the desirability of funding infrastructure from the levy and the potential effects of the levy on the economic viability of development across the area.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

1. No. If and insofar as infrastructure funding relates to the historic environment and seeks to address legitimate objections to the grant of planning permission with regard to the historic environment, such funding should not be reduced on the grounds of economic viability. If such objections exist and it is not economically viable properly to address them, permission should be refused.

If there is anything further that I can do to assist please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.

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