



Consultation response

Planning reform: Supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes

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Description: A consultation from MHCLG on planning reform, including the draft Listed Building Consent Order for the Canal and Rivers Trust.

About us

Historic Houses represents the UK's largest collection of independently owned historic houses, castles and gardens open to the public. Our family includes over 1,650 Grade I and II* listed historic houses and gardens.

Historic Houses places welcome 26 million visits each year, contribute over £1 billion to the economy and generate 33,700 full time equivalent jobs. As leading tourist attractions, events venues and rural business hubs, Historic Houses places are not only cultural icons but also catalysts of rural prosperity and cultural lynchpins for local communities.

Historic Houses strongly supports the use of listed building consent orders for routine and minor works, while maintaining appropriate protection for listed buildings and their settings. Greater use of listed building consent orders should help to streamline the significant administrative workload for managers and owners of listed buildings by reducing repeat applications for routine and minor works. Greater use of these orders should also help to reduce the burden on stretched local planning authorities, enabling them to focus on the more complex cases and applications.

Question 3.1 Do you agree that the types of work set out in paragraph 3.8 should be granted a general listed building consent? Please give your reasons.

Historic Houses welcomes this first draft listed building consent order and agrees that the works outlined in paragraph 3.8 should be granted under the general listed building consent. It is wholly appropriate that a listed building consent order can be used to enable the owners and managers of multiple listed structures or buildings to carry out routine repairs and maintenance subject to the appropriate safeguards, thus removing the need for numerous repeat applications for routine or minor works.

Historic Houses hopes that the order, once it has passed, will pave the way for other similar listed building consent orders in the future.

Question 3.2 Do you agree that the safeguards included in the order are appropriate? Please give your reasons.

Question 3.3 Do you consider that any additional safeguards are required? Please provide details.

Historic Houses believes that the safeguards set out in this consultation are sufficient and appropriate for the types of work the draft order covers.

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