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Dear Sirs,

CONSULTATION ON THE CHANGE TO POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE BIG LOTTERY FUND

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 Scottish Branch of the Institute welcomes the opportunity to comment on this consultation paper.

We are supportive of Option (1) for the additional policy wording for Big Lottery Fund's UK wide non-devolved expenditure. This will enable funding of projects involving partnership working between voluntary or community organisations and Local Authorities (including social enterprises and joint ventures), and possibly also those involving Building Reservation Trusts.

There are a great many worthwhile heritage projects- which are of particular interest to the IHBC- being developed involving the voluntary and community sector and it seems to us that this wording (as opposed to option (2)), offers the best means of offering maximum support to worthwhile projects involving this sector.

Yours faithfully

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