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Dear D. Kol,

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 May, in which you made the following request for information:

Your 2018 publication "The Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings" states on page 8:

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In light of Note 1 and except for your 2018 publication 'The Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings', where else is the Secretary of State's policy and guidance on listing to be found ?

Please can you furnish me with a copy of any (internal or published) policy and guidance that the SS relies on in making its decision for listing and delisting of buildings. If there is nothing else other than the 2018 publication, please confirm.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does have information within scope of your request. Please find the answers to your queries below:

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I can confirm that the Secretary of State's listing policy is set out in full in the 2018 Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings. I can also confirm that DCMS does not publish or use guidance in support of the listing process, though representations are invited from Historic England and other interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
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Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.