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Subject: HS consultation

Dear Victoria,

I spoke to your colleague Luke Wormald earlier in the week regarding a response to the consultation on the removal of duty to notify HS of decisions on certain applications for B-listed buildings.

Firstly, please accept apologies that no formal response was prepared by East Ayrshire Council.

I can confirm that East Ayrshire Council is supportive, in principle, of having the opportunity to take sole responsibility for some LBC applications. The Council feels this would be a positive step and would provide a quicker and more efficient service to applicants. In this respect, we are greatly encouraged by the outcome of the pilot study.

The proposal would require some changes to the Council's internal procedures and monitoring processes, which would of course need to be taken forward by the Council. In particular, as the Council does not currently have a specific authority-wide conservation officer or team, consideration would need to be given as to how the new procedures could best be implemented, in order to make fully-informed decisions on applications.

I trust the above comments are useful.

Should you require any further information, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Alison

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