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Dear Mr McDougal

**RELAXING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF OVERHEAD  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINES**

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.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation. The Institute is generally content with the Government's suggested proposals.

However we would like to see some measure included for preservation of the setting of listed buildings. The GPDO makes no specific provision in this respect, but the setting of listed buildings are particularly vulnerable to intrusive overhead infrastructure. Where planning permission is required under the new procedures (e.g. in National Parks, AONBs and conservation areas) Local Planning Authorities would be obliged to take account the potential impact on the setting of any listed buildings (s66 TCP (LB&CA) Act 1990) in addition to the interests of the Article 1(5) land.

We suggest, therefore, that, where the required consultation suggests that the proposal may affect the setting of a listed building, the Communications Provider should be required to take this into account and to mitigate the impact as far as practicably possible.

Yours sincerely

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