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Dear JNAPC Members and Observers

Following the withdrawal of the approval from the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael Fallon, for the Maritime Heritage Foundation to work on HMS Victory, my legal team has learnt that he wishes to retake the decision quickly.

Consequently I have written the attached letter, in a personal capacity, to Mr Fallon enclosing a copy of the attached JNAPC letter to Lord Lingfield.

Since the issues raised by the proposed Judicial Review were very substantive it is most important that any new approval must be compliant with the Rules of the Annex to the 2001 UNESCO Convention and the Government's own policy. In my letter I have therefore reminded Mr Fallon of the concerns that the JNAPC expressed in its letters of 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to which Mr Fallon has not yet responded.

Furthermore before any new decision is made I would expect JNAPC members to be formally consulted in accordance with the Aarhus Convention.

Best wishes

Bob