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Dear Mr Corbett

Merseyside Archaeological Advisory Service

I am writing to you on behalf of the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME), which represents over 50 archaeological businesses providing advice and specialist services to commercial clients and developers throughout the UK.

Our members have been actively engaged in archaeological excavation, recording and publication in Merseyside for many years. This work has only been made possible through the advice and expertise of the Merseyside Archaeological Advisory Service (MAAS) in informing local planning decisions, promoting sustainable growth and protecting the historic environment of the area.

We were very concerned to learn of the closure of MAAS, and I am writing to enquire how you now intend to implement the guidance on the historic environment set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, and in particular the following requirements:

- The core planning principle to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance (Paragraph 17);
- The requirement for local planning authorities to set out in their Local Plan a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment (126) and strategic policies to deliver conservation and enhancement of the historic environment (156-7);
- The duty of local planning authorities to require applicants to assess the significance of heritage assets affected by proposed development, and to take this into account in determining planning applications (128-135);
- The duty of local planning authorities in relation to the enhancement and protection of World Heritage Sites (137-8);

- The duty of local planning authorities to require developers to record and make public information gathered as part of the development management process (141);
- The requirement in determining applications for mineral extraction to take into account their impact on heritage assets and the historic environment (143-4), and
- The requirement for local planning authorities to either maintain or have access to a historic environment record (169).

I would also like to enquire how you intend to implement the historic environment policies set out in adopted Unitary Development Plans, and in emerging Local Development Framework Core Strategies, Supplementary Planning Documents, and Neighbourhood Development Plans in Merseyside.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adrian Tindall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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