



## National Trust Cymru engagement with the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill

Dear Huw,

On behalf of National Trust Cymru, I would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill.

National Trust Cymru places great importance on the conservation, management, and enjoyment of the natural and historic environment both within and beyond our boundaries. We care for 46,000 hectares of land, 157 miles of coastline, 185 scheduled ancient monuments, 419 listed buildings and 18 of the nation's finest castles, houses, gardens and industrial sites. With the support of our staff and volunteers, more than 1.8 million visitors enjoy our places in Wales every year.

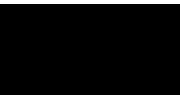
We are proud to work in collaboration with partners across the sector to protect and promote Wales' heritage and have been pleased to engage with early discussions about the Bill via the Historic Environment Group (HEG).

National Trust Cymru welcomes the Bill's aim to make legislation relating to the historic environment in Wales more accessible, clear and user-friendly. I was encouraged to see the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's Initial Consideration report, the Senedd's unanimous decision that the Bill should proceed as a consolidation Bill and progress to Detailed Committee Consideration.

We will continue to actively engage via HEG, monitor the Bill's progression and would strongly support the Committee's recommendation for a detailed plan on the timescales and volume of subordinate legislation which will be required as part of the full implementation of this consolidation.

If there is anything further we can do to assist you and the Committee's work at this stage, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Lhosa Daly,  
Director for Wales