


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Christine Chapman AM  
Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

 May 2015

Dear Christine,

### **Historic Environment (Wales) Bill**

To support the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's scrutiny of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill, which I introduced into the National Assembly for Wales on 1 May, I am pleased to attach Keeling Schedules, the Statement of Policy Intent and the draft statutory guidance, 'Managing Historic Environment Records in Wales'.

The Keeling Schedules present the relevant portions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as they would read if the amending provisions of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill were enacted as introduced.

The Statement of Policy Intent provides information on the policy aims for the delegated powers within the Bill.

The draft statutory guidance, 'Managing Historic Environment Records in Wales' explains how we expect local authorities to discharge their new duties to create and keep up to date historic environment records.

The Historic Environment (Wales) Bill will be complemented by policy, advice and guidance that will reflect the Bill's measures and make additional improvements to the existing systems for the protection and sustainable management of the Welsh historic environment.

The following draft guidance documents have been published on Cadw's website (<http://cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/policy/historicenvironmentbill/guidancedocuments/?lang=en>):

- a revised chapter 6, 'The Historic Environment', of Planning Policy Wales;
- a new planning technical advice note for the historic environment;;
- 'Managing Change to Listed Buildings in Wales';
- 'Managing Change in World Heritage Sites in Wales'; and
- 'Managing Lists of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest in Wales'.

Formal public consultation on these documents will follow once the provisions of the Bill have been finalised.

By making these draft documents available now, I hope to help the Committee to see the Bill as the central element of an integrated package of measures to improve the sustainable management of the Welsh historic environment.

I trust the Committee's members will find all of these documents helpful and I look forward to providing oral evidence to the Committee in due course.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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