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*Dear William*

Thank you for your letter of 19 April seeking Cadw's comments on the petition numbered P-04-322. I am replying as Cadw is within my portfolio responsibilities and has no legal identity separate from the Welsh Ministers.

I provided a comprehensive response to the Petitions Committee on 19 July 2011 and my reply reflects the position of my officials in Cadw and covers the issues raised by the petitioner in his supporting paper.

Works to listed buildings need to be supported with strong justification which should include an examination of any less intrusive alternatives, where these are available. Achieving a proper balance between the aims / mission of the church and conservation can often require negotiation to reach a successful conclusion and I appreciate that this can become frustrating where complex matters present themselves. However, if an applicant feels that an unreasonable decision has been taken, there is a right of appeal to the Welsh Ministers.

The general steer of current policy and circular guidance endeavours to promote a balance between the needs of energy efficiency, sustainability and the protection of the historic environment. However, I will ensure that the issues raised by the petitioner are considered as part of the development and implementation of the new Heritage Bill in 2014-15. Formal consultation on proposals for a Bill will begin in early 2013, but the issues will be explored further in the forthcoming thematic Bill workshops and my Heritage Conference on 19 July.

*Huw Lewis*

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