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Dear Christine,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March asking for an update on Cadw's work on identifying sites of historic interest.

I can assure the Committee that work is in hand in Cadw but, following detailed consideration, my officials are working on guidance which will be fuller than originally planned and which we hope will be more helpful.

Rather than working on guidance on sporting sites solely to inform the registration of historic parks and gardens, my officials are now in fact working up draft guidance for all types of sites of sporting interest, which will inform the listing of buildings, as well as parks and gardens registration. My officials are also considering whether there is a need to address the significance of sports heritage by means other than designation, possibly through local lists held by local authorities or other recognition through the local planning process or recording.

Drafting is in hand but this will be informed also by research currently being undertaken by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales into the history of sport in modern Wales. This research is due to be published in a book in October this year and Cadw expects to consult on its comprehensive guidance on the protection of sports heritage by the same time.

I hope that this is helpful, although the approach is, of course, subject to the wishes of the new Government.

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Separately, but given the Committee's interest in the demolition of unlisted buildings outside conservation areas, it may be interested to know about a recent Court of Appeal case in England. Officials have advised me that last Friday the Court of Appeal made a ruling which appears to raise questions about whether proposals for the demolition of buildings should require planning permission and assessment under the Environmental Impact Assessment regime. My officials, with colleagues in the Welsh Assembly Government's Planning Division, are seeking further information on the details of the case and the terms of the judgment in order to assess the implications of the ruling and to advise Ministers in due course.'

Sincerely,
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