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Dear Mr Carroll,

Consultation on New Charging Structure for Services

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

The Institute for Archaeologists

The Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) is a professional body for the study and care of the historic environment. It promotes best practice in archaeology and provides a self-regulatory quality assurance framework for the sector and those it serves.

IfA has over 3,000 members and more than 70 registered practices across the United Kingdom. Its members work in all branches of the discipline: heritage management, planning advice, excavation, finds and environmental study, buildings recording, underwater and aerial archaeology, museums, conservation, survey, research and development, teaching and liaison with the community, industry and the commercial and financial sectors.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Historic Environment Team: A New Charging Structure for Services

IfA is strongly supportive of the work of the Historic Environment Team which plays a crucial role in managing and protecting the historic environment and facilitating sustainable development in Cambridgeshire. The Institute is concerned to see that that work continues to be properly resourced and effectively delivered. With this in mind, IfA welcomes the County Council's consultation upon these changes and would be happy to work with the Council and other stakeholders in any way to ensure the continued delivery of high quality historic environment services in the County.

However, as a professional body representing a broad range of membership within the profession, we would not comment upon the detailed charging proposals the subject of this consultation, save to express the hope that any charging regime does not in practice frustrate the realisation of the significant public benefits associated with the historic environment (not only through 'commercial' work, but also, for instance, through unfunded local projects and community engagement, generally). In this latter regard we are pleased to see that there will be discretion to waive charges.

If there is anything further that I can do to assist please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hinton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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