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Email response sent to: gheu@english-heritage.org.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

RESPONSE TO THE GUIDANCE ON TEMPORARY STRUCTURES FOR EVENTS CONSULTATION

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. The RTPI is a membership organisation representing over 22,000 spatial planners. It exists to advance the science and art of town planning for the benefit of the public.

The RTPI values the need to protect heritage assets (as defined in the guidance) and the Guidance on Temporary Structures for Events provides a strong basis for enabling this whilst at the same time promoting and enhancing visitor experiences to heritage places of interest. We support this guidance to provide potential clients with the information required to broadly determine whether or not they will require planning permission as well as information about where to find advice should they require consent.

We are also of the view that a sensible and proportionate process for erecting temporary structures is warranted given the relatively short-term impact on the historic environment.

The following provides specific comments related to the consultation document:

Section 3.2

It is important to clarify any thresholds where the guidance would apply, particularly what is meant by '*slightly longer or seasonal duration*'?

Section 3.3

It is important to highlight the potential impact on the public transport system from temporary structures.

Section 5.1

The RTPI supports the focus on preparing front-loaded planning and management plans for heritage assets to enable the end users to understand the priorities and plans for its use.

Section 6.1

The role of local authorities is also to enhance the historic environment and its surroundings. It should also be noted in this section that the local community has an important role in the planning and management of the historic environment, most notably through the preparation of local plans and policies.

Section 7.2

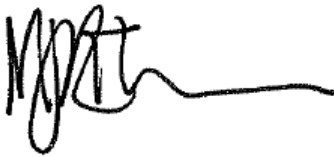
The RTPi supports this section to provide broad guidance around the application of statutory planning controls.

Section 7.3.2

Where references are made to PPG15, it may be worth noting that a revised PPS on the Historic Environment is currently being prepared and will supersede the existing PPG.

If you require any further assistance, please contact Rebecca Coates, Planning Policy Officer on 0207 929 9466 or email rebecca.coates@rtpi.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Thomson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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