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Dear Mr Thurley,

ICOMOS has been made aware of imminent plans to restructure English Heritage.

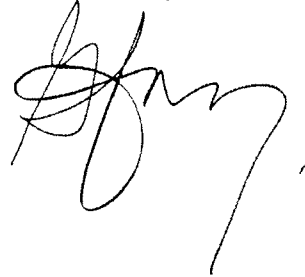
ICOMOS does recognise the context of extreme financial circumstances, which exist in global and national economies, and understands the need to reduce the financial resources to governmental departments and institutions in all sectors, including cultural heritage.

However, ICOMOS considers that the work of English Heritage has proven to be extremely significant in providing leadership and innovation in policy development and research for cultural heritage that is used for historic environment and World Heritage management not only in the UK but even at a world-wide level.

ICOMOS would therefore like to draw to the attention of decision makers the crucial role that cultural heritage has as a motor for economic and social development and that the work of institutions such as English Heritage, and of their research departments in particular, is crucial to achieving such aims, as international exemplars.

We therefore respectfully request that any diminution of public support should not compromise the ongoing policy development and research programmes of English Heritage, and indeed that ways should be found to ensure appropriate prioritisation for this work.

Yours sincerely



Gustavo Araoz
President

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The Rt Hon David Cameron, Prime Minister,
The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Culture, Department of Culture, Media and Sport
Baroness Andrews, Chair, English Heritage
Lord Hankey, President of ICOMOS UK