1. Glasgow City Council remains supportive of the general principles of the Bill, however, there are a number of points of detail and clarification to be resolved as set out in the Council’s submission to Historic Scotland’s consultation on the draft Bill (The Ancient Monuments and Listed Buildings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill).

2. Furthermore, whilst outwith the scope of the Bill, Glasgow City Council supports the development of measures to strengthen legislation governing development in conservation areas, thereby removing the burden on local authorities to prepare Article 4 Directions.

3. In addition, the removal of ecclesiastical exemption warrants consideration within the context of this amending Bill in order to bring all historic places of worship within the listed building management system would be welcomed.

4. The policy and financial memoranda that accompanied the Bill were informative and comprehensive and the consultation exercise was inclusive, offering ample opportunity to consider the content and implications of the Bill in conjunction with other stakeholders.

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