[Name of MP]

House of Commons

London

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Dear [Mr/Ms X]

I am writing to ask you to safeguard the future of heritage in [your constituency] and help it to unlock wellbeing, regeneration, environmental recovery and green skills. The recently published[**2023 Heritage Manifesto**](https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Heritage-Manifesto-2023.pdf)sets out a five-point plan to achieve this vision across Britain and in every community – with your support.

Heritage breathes life into our towns, cities and countryside, telling our nation's stories and creating places that people want to live and invest in. [do you have an example of what is distinctive about your local heritage – a steam railway, an ancient cathedral, a historic canal network?] 99% of us live within a mile of a listed place, and almost three quarters of adults say the government have a moral duty to protect historic places. Throughout the twin challenges of the pandemic and cost of living crisis, support for heritage has been both critical and a sound investment – keeping local sites and museums open, providing an anchor for communities, and preserving spaces which are vital to our collective wellbeing.

The [**Heritage Manifesto**](https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Heritage-Manifesto-2023.pdf) represents the priorities of the Heritage Alliance, England’s largest coalition of 200 heritage organisations. This includes large national organisations like the National Trust and English Heritage, alongside local [charities/sites/organisations] like [your organisation/site] in your constituency.

The manifesto sets out a [five-point plan](https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Heritage-Manifesto-2023.pdf) to harness the power of heritage:

1. Support community cohesion by putting heritage at the heart of regeneration
2. Embed the historic environment in nature recovery and net zero strategies
3. Reform the tax regime to promote long-term sustainable growth
4. Harness cultural learning and skills at every age and help the workforce thrive
5. Futureproof heritage institutions at both a national and a local level

I would particularly like to draw your attention to [insert details of the policy ask which is most important to you/your organisation]. The impact of this would mean [how would this help locally, or help your organisation?]

[optional] I would be happy to provide you with more details on these priorities, or to meet with you here at [your organisation] if you would like to learn more about the contribution we are making to [insert your organisational aims] and how these measures will support us to continue this work in the future.

Please help us to ensure heritage is well placed to play a pivotal role in our community’s future sustainability, prosperity, and growth.

With best wishes,

[Your Name]