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Dear Sir/Madam,

Soho Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version (May 2020)

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Submission Version draft of the Soho Neighbourhood Plan. The Government, through the Localism Act (2011) and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), has enabled local communities to take a more proactive role in influencing how their neighbourhood is managed. The Regulations require Historic England, as a statutory agency, be consulted on neighbourhood plans where the Neighbourhood Forum consider our interest is affected by the plan. As Historic England's remit is to advise on proposals affecting the historic environment our comments in this letter relate to the policies in the draft plan that relate to heritage. This is in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its core principle that heritage assets be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life for this and future generations.

General Advice

Further to our previous advice Historic England welcomes the creation of this plan and the consideration it gives to the local character of Soho. In light of the great contribution that the historic environment makes to the character of Soho, which is recognised with the many heritage assets in the area, and benefits from great public support, we are pleased to have been involved in the development of this neighbourhood plan.

We support the vision and objectives of the plan, and note that the detailed policies have benefited from significant discussion and an impressive evidence base. We consider that the neighbourhood plan represents a positive strategy for Soho's historic environment.

Conclusion

Please note that this advice is based on the information that has been provided to us and does not affect our obligation to advise on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this Neighbourhood Plan, and which may have adverse effects on the environment.



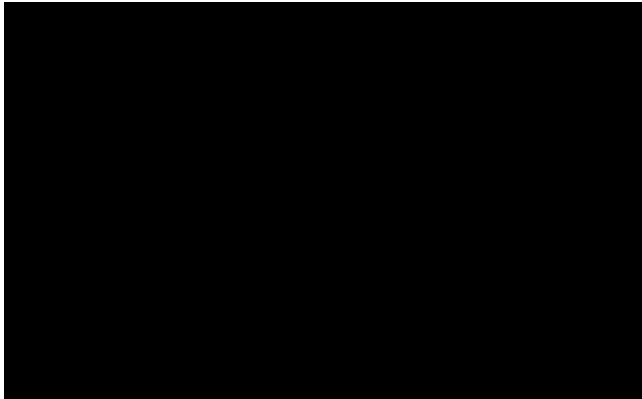
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