Welsh Government

Consultation Document

Changes to listed building consent applications

Applications for listed building consent by local authorities

NO	QUESTION	RESPONSE
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1	Do you agree LPAs should determine their own applications for Listed Building Consent, where the proposal relates to an extension or alteration? If not, why not?	The Association supports this proposal for Planning Authorities to be able to determine all listed building applications except those involving demolition. This power should not extend to ancient monument status.
2	Do you agree applications by LPAs for the demolition of a listed building, should continue to be determined by the Welsh Ministers? If not, why not?	If demolition is considered this must be confirmed by a third party having no interest, with having the authority to force the Public Body to carry out the required maintenance to ensure its survival. This could be the Welsh Government.
3	Do you have any other comments to make in relation to the proposals outlined in this consultation paper?	One of the concerns which needs to be raised with some importance is the maintenance of Grade 11 listed buildings in the ownership of a Public Body. There are clear examples of when a Public Body wishes to demolish a Grade II listed building they allow its condition to deteriorate, at which point the Public Body claims the structure is dangerous, with the only option demolition. This happens in private industry as well in some cases.
4	We would like to know your views on the effects of requiring LPAs to determine their own applications for the alteration or extension of a listed building would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increase, or negative effects be mitigated?	We do not see the relevance of this question. The consultation is about listed building consents and not the Welsh Language which is a separate subject. The Association supports the promotion of the Welsh Language.