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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 10 October asking whether a historic buildings taskforce working group will be established and whether it will include independent churches.

There are no current plans for a historic buildings taskforce working group. However, I have asked my officials in Cadw to look at the possibility of initiating a task and finish group in the New Year to look at "ecclesiastical exemption" in the context of the review of the heritage protection legislation and a review of the support needed for listed places of worship to ensure their long-term sustainability.

I believe that a task and finish group of this nature could be a useful means of both examining a serious issue and also bringing together the various interest groups to share experiences and examples of good practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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