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Dear Ms Skinner

**SOUTHEND ON SEA DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES
DPD:
PROPOSED SUBMISSION AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL**

Thank you for consulting English Heritage on the Development Management Policies DPD.

We are pleased to note that the historic environment is referred to in several policies and welcome in particular policy DM5. The recognition given to the importance of protecting the settings of heritage assets, including those of conservation areas, is useful. We also welcome the character zone approach in policy DM6 relating to the Seafront, and the commitment to protecting Leigh Old Town.

While we have expressed reservations in previous consultations in relation to the role of tall buildings, we note that part 2 of policy DM4 contains specific reference to protecting the setting of heritage assets and we welcome the inclusion of this safeguard in this particular policy.

Overall, we would like to express our support for the historic environment content and the manner in which the above policies reflect Planning Policy Statement 5.

Yours sincerely

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