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ALBERT HALL PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The National Trust generally supports the proposed Plan of Management but does suggest some areas for amendment as outlined below.

1. Objective 1 while supported needs more information or detail to enable managers to deliver the objective. A detailed management plan of buildings and landscape is needed which is not provided by either the Conservation Plan or an Action Plan referred to.
2. Objective 6 is critical and appointment of a manager is necessary to ensure the place is looked after, users do not do anything inappropriate, maintenance is attended to immediately and is programmed and funded on an annual basis. If this not actioned the place will deteriorate and require injection of more capital expenditure in years to come.
3. The role of the management reference group as outlined is relatively weak as it is a reference group and not one with any power. A mechanism to enable the reference group to liaise with the Minister if the Department is not implementing or meeting the agreed objectives, is needed, especially in respect to ongoing care and conservation of the building.
4. We note that user forums or surveys may be undertaken. We believe this is essential after one year of operation. After this it could be optional if everything is progressing well. If not, they should be held annually.
5. Any potential changes such as an on-site café, upgrade for disability access, other building work etc must be notified to the public, particularly heritage interest groups such as the National Trust, for comment. This notification must occur in the consideration phase and before implementation.

Yours faithfully

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