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## **INTRODUCTION**

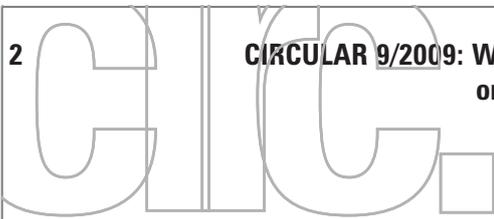
1. The Memorandum of Guidance on Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas was last published in August 1998 and given effect by Scottish Office Development Department Circular No 13/1998. The Memorandum was an important document containing essential information about Government policy which offered comprehensive guidance on conservation and listed building matters.

## **WITHDRAWAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM**

2. Circular 13/1998 is now formally withdrawn, as the Memorandum's policy and guidance elements have been superseded by other documents.
3. The policy elements of the Memorandum have been superseded by the development of Scottish Ministers' Scottish Historic Environment Policy (which is published in a revised form on 27 July 2009).
4. The detailed guidance provided by the Annexes to the Memorandum is superseded by Historic Scotland's 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' guidance note series. These are available on the Historic Scotland website. Where there are difficulties in downloading the documents hard copies can be provided by Historic Scotland's Inspectorate, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh EH9 1SH, tel 0131 668 8716. In the first instance the guidance notes will cover the topics dealt with in the Memorandum. In the longer term the guidance notes series will extend to provide guidance on other areas of the historic environment not previously covered by the Memorandum.
5. The Scottish Government published Scottish Planning Policy 23: the Historic Environment in October 2008. It is intended that the planning policy set out in SPP23 will be incorporated into a combined Scottish Planning Policy during 2009.

## **EFFECTS OF THIS CIRCULAR**

6. This Planning Circular confirms that the Scottish Historic Environment Policy, Scottish Planning Policy 23 (which is to be incorporated during 2009 into a combined Scottish Planning Policy), and Historic Scotland's 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' guidance note series are the documents to which planning authorities are directed in their consideration of applications for conservation area consent, listed building consent for buildings of all three categories A, B and C(S), and their consideration of



planning applications affecting the historic environment and the setting of individual elements of the historic environment. Planning authorities are also directed to these documents to assist them in development planning. Historic Scotland will notify planning authorities in writing when new guidance notes in their 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' series are issued.

7. Any queries arising from this Circular may be addressed to:

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