Consultation
Did you take part in the consultation exercise which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
No.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
Not applicable.

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
Not applicable.

Costs
If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?

Response 4 to 7: Whilst the practical arrangements are not yet explicit, South Ayrshire Council is not aware of any changes to working practice (at this time) that will impact financially on the Council as planning authority. However, whether there is likely to be a cost to the Council, will be identified once the joint officer working group (including representatives of Heads of Planning Scotland (HOPS) and COSLA together with the Bill Team and officials of Historic Scotland and Scottish Government), which has been established to consider the practical implications for councils, has concluded its deliberations.

Wider Issues
Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?
Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?

Response 8 to 9: It is not anticipated that there will be a significant additional financial burden to the Council, in the management of built heritage, as a result of this Bill.