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**To:** Bandarin, Francesco  
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**Subject:** UK State of Conservation Report: City of Bath WHS  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** 2775\_001.pdf; 2775\_009.pdf

Dear Francesco

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As a follow up to my letter of 31 January, please find (as 2 x pdf attachments) the UK state of conservation report for the City of Bath World Heritage property. We regret that it was not possible to submit this final report to the World Heritage Centre for the reasons outlined in the letter but hope that the report will be considered by the World Heritage Committee this year at its 32nd session.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** City of Bath: Bath Western Riverside  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** 2810\_001.pdf

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Dear Francesco

Please see attached reply in response to your letter of 20 December to H.E. Mr Peter Landymore regarding the Bath Western Riverside development in the vicinity of City of Bath World Heritage Site. I apologise for the delay in replying to you but unfortunately your letter was filed in error.

Best wishes

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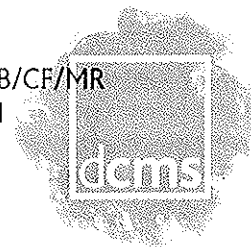
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Dear Francesco

### State of Conservation of the City of Bath World Heritage Site, United Kingdom

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2007 to H.E. Mr Peter Landymore with which you enclosed 3 letters from concerned citizens, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] concerning the Western Riverside urban development project in the vicinity of the City of Bath World Heritage Site. I regret that your letter was misplaced and do apologise for the delay in replying.

The UK reported fully on the Bath Western Riverside proposal in our reactive monitoring report of 18 February for consideration by the World Heritage Committee at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session this year.

I have not reproduced the relevant section of the reactive monitoring report in this letter but can confirm that the Government's view is that while the development is large, it will not be intrusive in any important views from the historic part of the city and will be mainly visible from the edge of the bowl in which Bath lies as a compact 21<sup>st</sup> century district in the city. The UK Government is therefore of the view that this proposal will not have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value of this unique World Heritage Site, which is focused on Roman archaeology, Georgian architecture and Georgian town planning.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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UK National Commission for UNESCO  
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**Subject:** City of Bath World Heritage Site  
**Attachments:** Bath SOC(25\_06).pdf

Dear Dr Bandarin,

Please find attached a State of Conservation Report for the City of Bath World Heritage Site.

<<Bath SOC(25\_06).pdf>>

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**Subject:** FW: UNESCO visit to Bath WHS

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**From:** Rossler, Mechtild [mailto:M.Rossler@unesco.org]**Sent:** 17 July 2008 13:34**To:** [REDACTED]**Cc:** [REDACTED] durighello@icomos.org; MARSDEN PETER; Chris Young; BBG**Subject:** RE: UNESCO visit to Bath WHS

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your inquiry -- the schedule for the visit will be discussed with the authorities and ICOMOS International. It is normal practice that we ask the authorities to organize meetings with relevant stakeholders during the mission. Thank you in advance for your offer to meet with the mission.

Best wishes,  
Mechtild Rossler

Dr. Mechtild Rössler  
Chief, Europe & North America  
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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2008 9:55 AM**To:** Rossler, Mechtild**Cc:** [REDACTED] durighello@icomos.org; Peter Marsden; Chris Young; BBG**Subject:** UNESCO visit to Bath WHS

Dear Mechtild:

Further to our correspondence last year concerning the developmental challenges facing the City of Bath World Heritage Site, we at the Bath Business Group have noted from press reports that a mission from UNESCO will be visiting Bath to investigate the matter further.

The BBG would be very interested to receive details of the timing and agenda of the UNESCO visit, and I would therefore like to request this information. Naturally we would be pleased to meet with the mission and offer it every support and courtesy during its time here.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Best, [REDACTED]

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10/09/2008