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Dear Mr Thorpe

Thank you for your letter of 25 November 2015. Please accept my apologies for this late reply.

The County Council faces an unprecedented financial challenge as a result of funding reductions from Central Government and rising demand for our services.

The County Council needs to introduce a raft of measures to tackle a funding gap of £262 million which we need to save by 2020. Our priority has to be protecting the most vulnerable people through services such as Adult Social Care.

That said, we want people to continue to benefit from the Historic Environment Record (HER) but we will not have the resources to maintain it in the future. We are currently exploring a range of options for the management of the HER at no cost to the County Council.

Thank you for taking the time to set out your concerns.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Marcus Johnstone
Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services