

Reform planning legislation to allow listed buildings to pursue net zero

Key findings from the Historic Houses member surveys

98%

of respondents believe **heritage** in the planning system is **'important'** or **'very important'**

48%

of these respondents think the **heritage protection system** works **'poorly'** or **'very poorly'** in practice

75%

think it would be a good idea to **streamline** aspects of the **listed building consent** and **planning systems** for heritage

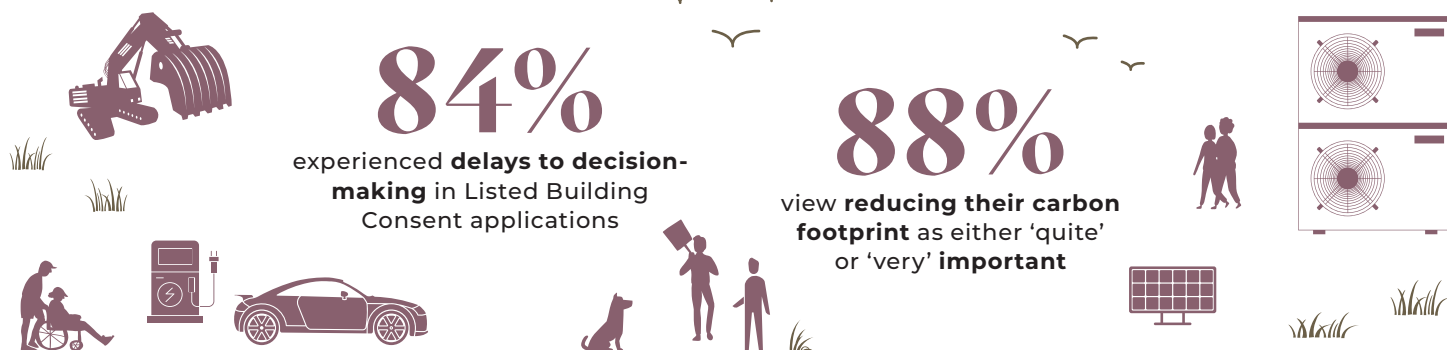


84%

experienced **delays to decision-making** in Listed Building Consent applications

88%

view **reducing their carbon footprint** as either **'quite'** or **'very'** important



Our members reported a **total backlog of**

£2 billion

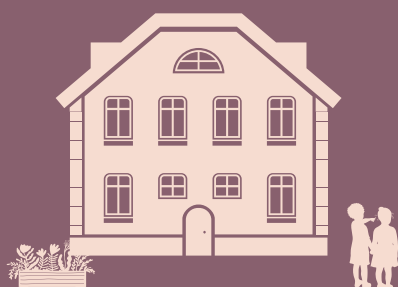
of repairs & maintenance work, despite a reported annual spend of **around £160,000 each in 2024**



Over

47%

of Historic Houses places **delayed or cancelled urgent repairs and maintenance works** due to lack of funds between 2020 and 2022



Introducing a **VAT rebate scheme** for listed buildings open to public access could yield

£7 million

of **economic benefit** and generate an estimated **300,000 additional visits** every year

