

# Press information

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The National Trust welcomes opportunity to present to Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee

The National Trust this afternoon welcomed the opportunity to speak with the ETI Committee. The Trust was making a presentation alongside Moyle District Council to the Committee in relation to the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site.

Speaking following the meeting, the Trust's Director for Northern Ireland, Hilary McGrady, said:

"We welcome the interest of the Committee and the Minister, which will provide a renewed momentum to achieve a timely solution to the provision of appropriate visitor facilities at Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site."

"As a conservation charity, the National Trust's role is to protect special places across the UK and to provide memorable experiences for the millions of visitors we welcome annually

The Director outlined to the ETI Committee the Trust's clear commitment to:

- Protecting the World Heritage Site and its setting, in line with UNESCO recommendations
- Achieving world class visitor facilities in keeping with World Heritage Site status
- Achieving clear value for money for any public investment into visitor facilities, and
- Finding and delivering a timely solution.

"Our objectives are shared by Minister Dodds, and by Moyle District Council, which owns the site of the existing facilities. The National Trust has a strong track record of providing excellent visitor facilities across a wide range of important sites. I am confident that the Trust, working alongside Moyle District Council, is best placed to provide a world class experience to visitors to the Giant's Causeway. We remain focused on securing a workable solution for the Giant's Causeway that is in the public interest," the Director concluded.

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