

WRITTEN QUESTION P-6354/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Ironbridge Gorge

Within my constituency there is a World Heritage Site (Ironbridge Gorge). The area is commonly understood to be the birthplace of the industrial revolution, and its centrepiece is the world's first iron bridge, spanning the River Severn. The heritage site is currently under threat from instability of the sub-strata of the land that flows to the Gorge, and there is imminent danger that a substantial landslip could occur, resulting in blocking the river at its narrowest point and causing devastating damage to this historical area.

Will the Commission investigate whether there would be funding available via its Directorate responsible for Culture which could assist as a preventative measure and alleviate the concerns of both the tourism industry and local residents?