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Thank you for your enquiry to my officials at the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) regarding the 1918 Chilwell munitions disaster memorial in your constituency. In accordance with standard procedures, I am responding to your enquiry.

I must take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest on this important matter, I am pleased to inform you that the restoration works contract for the cleaning of the memorial has been awarded to LDC Heritage Restoration, which is funded by the Conservation Stewardship Fund. My officials are assured that the works will be completed in time for the commemoration of the centenary anniversary of the explosion on 28 June 2018.

Work on the memorial will be undertaken in accordance with the Historic England guidance on listed memorials and it has been agreed by DIO officials and the Conservation Officer at Broxtowe Borough Council. The restoration works will constitute a sensitive clean and some minor repairs, any further work beyond this is not possible, as it would contravene the Historic England guidelines for a Grade II listed monument.

Thank you once again for bringing this matter to my attention on behalf of your constituents. I am sure they will be pleased to hear that the memorial will be in the best possible condition in time for them to commemorate the centenary of the disaster.

I trust this clarifies the Department's position.

Yours sincerely,

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