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At its Council meeting on 1 February 2019 I was asked, as President of the Association of Business Historians, to submit a response to Plan S on behalf of the UK community of business historians. The Council fully endorses the principles of Open Access but, in line with the letter from various history journals, is concerned about the practical consequences of the planned process of implementation, both in terms of its speed and its likely detrimental consequences in the humanities and social sciences. This is felt particularly strongly with regard to hybrid journals which remain the key outlets for the subject and where a hasty implementation of Plan S is likely to have numerous unintended and detrimental knock-on effects for the study of business history, in line with those set out in the joint letter from various history journals.

Yours sincerely,

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