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## Foreword

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**T**HERE IS a growing appreciation that our historic environment is important and that we need to do our best to ensure its conservation for future generations. Key to this is the designation by local authorities of conservation areas — defined areas which are of special architectural or historic interest, which should be protected and even enhanced. Wales has a significant number of conservation areas but they are managed in different ways by different authorities.

This study by the Civic Trust for Wales and the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cardiff University looks at current arrangements on the ground and examines how they might be improved in the interests of the environment as a whole. This is timely, given the work the National Assembly is progressing with the Land Use Planning Forum to develop new planning guidance, and our current initiative to improve design in Wales. All of this fits well with the Assembly's overall agenda for a "Better Wales".

I encourage you to read the report carefully and to move the debate forward by completing the questionnaire seeking responses to its conclusions and recommendations.



Sue Essex, AM  
*Assembly Secretary for the Environment*  
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*This report is based on an extensive survey of Welsh planning authorities.*

*With a foreword by Sue Essex, National Assembly Secretary for the Environment it considers issues of best practice and resources, and makes the case for close linkages between conservation and urban design.*

*Amongst the recommendations is the call for the Assembly to become a “champion for the built environment in Wales.”*



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