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18. HERITAGE IN THE URBAN CONTEXT

There is an obvious relationship between cities and heritage, because listed buildings and conservation areas are mainly located in city centres and metropolitan areas. Thus heritage deserves attention within the instrumentality of local authorities. Most listed buildings in the city centre are privately owned. This means that the preservation and conservation of those buildings depends mostly on the goodwill of their owners in concert with prescriptive local authority planning policies. It is increasingly acknowledged that the

presence of historic marking points, buildings and neighbourhoods that set the scene for the historicity of a city. They exert a distinct effect on the well-being of the people in the city. Historic buildings and conservation areas often endorse the essential characteristics germane to certain lifestyle expectations in terms of standards, aesthetics, setting and architectural forms. Local authorities and communities cooperate to safeguard these values. They cooperate further in organising festivals, events and celebrations of cultural

significance. The collective benefit to the city and / or any specific conservation area results in its preservation and continued investment of intrinsically shared values. Adding buildings to lists gives them an official status as being important to local community's sense of identity.