



# Historic Environment Update

## More provisions of the 2016 Act come into force today

Following preparations including supporting secondary legislation and statutory guidance, further provisions of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 come into force today, 31 May 2017:

- Consultation, interim protection and review for scheduled monuments and listed buildings (Sections 3 and 4 and 24 to 26 and Schedules 1 and 2)  
These provisions make scheduling and listing more open and accountable and give interim protection to historic assets while the Welsh Ministers consult on proposed designations.
- Simplified scheduled monument consent process (Section 5)  
This establishes a streamlined application process for minor, beneficial works to a scheduled monument.
- Recovery of costs for urgent works to listed buildings (Section 30(6))  
This brings the 2016 Act's provisions on urgent works to listed buildings fully into effect. Local authorities are now able to make the costs of urgent works a local land charge and collect interest on outstanding sums.
- Statutory historic environment records (Sections 35 to 37)  
The Welsh Ministers must now compile and maintain a historic environment record for each Welsh local authority area. The Archwilio website ([www.cofiadurcahcymru.org.uk/arch/](http://www.cofiadurcahcymru.org.uk/arch/)) provides access to the historic environment records.

Further details on these provisions and the supporting regulations and orders that also come into force today are available on the Cadw website ([www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/policy/historicenvironmentbill/provisions/?lang=en](http://www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/policy/historicenvironmentbill/provisions/?lang=en)).

Cadw would be happy to provide further information or articles on the 2016 Act and its implementation for historic environment sector newsletters or magazines. If you are interested, please contact the Legislation and Policy Team at [historicenvironmentleg@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:historicenvironmentleg@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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## Advice and guidance published today

Planning policy and advice and a range of best-practice guidance have been developed alongside the 2016 Act to support the protection and sustainable management of the Welsh historic environment.

*Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment*, which will replace outdated Welsh Office circulars, is published today ([www.gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/tans/?lang=en](http://www.gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/tans/?lang=en)). This supplements the revised historic environment chapter that appeared in the ninth edition of *Planning Policy Wales* in November 2016 ([www.gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/ppw/?lang=en](http://www.gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/ppw/?lang=en)).

Cadw is also publishing the first titles in a new series of best-practice guidance documents today:

- Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales*
- Managing Change in World Heritage Sites in Wales*
- Managing Change to Listed Buildings in Wales*
- Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales*
- Managing Conservation Areas in Wales*
- Managing Historic Character in Wales*
- Managing Listed Buildings at Risk in Wales*
- Managing Lists of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest in Wales*
- Setting of Historic Assets in Wales*

These are only appearing in digital versions, so go to the Cadw website ([www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/publications/?lang=en](http://www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/publications/?lang=en)) for further information and to download copies.

## Heritage impact statements

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Wales) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2017 introduce a requirement for a heritage impact statement to support listed building and conservation area consent applications. This will come into effect from 1 September 2017 and replace the current requirement for a design and access statement to accompany a listed building consent application.

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A heritage impact statement is the product of a structured heritage impact assessment process. This makes sure that the significance of the historic asset is taken into account when developing proposals for change. It is a core part of the design process, which tests whether the proposals for change are appropriate by assessing their impact on significance. Access issues will still be fully considered unless the proposed works involve a private dwelling.

The best-practice guidance, *Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales*, published today will help owners, agents and local planning authorities become familiar with the new procedures.

## List of Historic Place Names of Wales



Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates, launched the List of Historic Place Names of Wales on 8 May 2017. This free, online resource ([www.historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk/](http://www.historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk/)) already contains nearly 350,000 place names gathered from a variety of historical sources. It will continue to grow as the results of further research are added.

This is the only statutory list of its kind in the UK, and represents another historic first for Wales stemming from the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The list will raise public awareness of the importance of Wales' rich legacy of historic place names and encourage their continued use.

Visit the Cadw website ([www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/recordsv1/listofhistoricplacenamesofwales/?lang=en](http://www.cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/recordsv1/listofhistoricplacenamesofwales/?lang=en)) for further information on the list.



## Consultation reports

Two consultations were conducted during the last year on proposed regulations and a range of guidance documents to support and complement the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016:

- Consultation on proposals for secondary legislation to support the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and various best-practice guidance documents — 11 July to 3 October 2016
- Consultation on a proposal for regulations required by the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and four guidance documents — 19 October 2016 to 13 January 2017.

There was general support for all of the consultation proposals, but respondents made numerous helpful suggestions for improvements. Summary reports for both consultations are available on the Welsh Government website ([www.consultations.gov.wales/consultations/search?input\\_before=&input\\_after=&f\[0\]=im\\_field\\_state%3A2&f\[1\]=im\\_field\\_topics%3A6](http://www.consultations.gov.wales/consultations/search?input_before=&input_after=&f[0]=im_field_state%3A2&f[1]=im_field_topics%3A6)).

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