

The listed buildings guidance contains some very useful advice for householders. Clearly we do need to recognise that historic assets need careful consideration when energy efficiency improvements are proposed. Not least to conserve the fabric from damp; but also to improve the living conditions for occupiers.

The Council's ability to take a more permissive stance is constrained by national legislation and guidance. So I welcome the recommendation to work with other local authorities and other stakeholders, such as Curo, the National Trust, to liaise with Government about this issue.

One or more pilot projects would also be worth pursuing, and the experience gained will help the Council review the guidance in 12 months.

B&NES is a leader in developing guidance for listed buildings to improve energy efficiency consistent with conservation best practice, and this report helps take the Council forward in a practical and constructive manner.