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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Huntingdonshire has sixty-three Conservation Areas, designated for their "special architectural or historical interest". Designation is not an end to itself but the start of a process to preserve or enhance the Conservation Area's character or appearance, in accordance with the statutory duty of the District Council.
- 1.2 The character of a Conservation Area is defined not only by the buildings within it, but also by the pattern of streets, open spaces and trees that separate them. In addition to normal Planning and Listed Building controls, Conservation Area designation restricts certain minor developments which would normally be permitted to property owners.
- 1.3 This Conservation Area Character Statement forms one of a series of statements that is adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Huntingdonshire Local Plan. The Local Plan contains policies relating to Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, archaeological remains, trees and open spaces. The Character

Statements provide a basis for development plan policies and development control decisions within the Conservation Area.





Nos 7,8 & 9 Earning Street