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As promised at plenary session on 13 January, I am writing further about Burges House, 20 Park Place. I agree that the building is of exceptional importance both to the historic environment of Cardiff and Wales as a whole. It is arguably the best nineteenth century urban town house in Wales and stands comparison with the finest of its type and period in urban Britain. Fittingly it is grade I listed - placing it in the top 2 % of all listed property in Wales.

I share your concern to secure the future of this - and all Wales's outstanding buildings - but do not believe that acquisition by the Assembly is the way forward. In cases such as this the Welsh Assembly Government's approach is to sustain buildings in private ownership through grant aid for historic repairs.

Finding new uses for historic buildings offers the best way of keeping these properties in a good state of repair and offers the best long-term prospects. The County Council has granted listed building consent in connection with proposals to reopen the building as a private club. Cadw remains in touch with the County Council which is monitoring the building's condition and prospects and would be happy to consider any case for grant for historic repairs to this outstanding building, subject to financial appraisal.

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