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**Importance Of Form Based Codes As A Planning Tool In Kerala Context**

Due to the inevitable effects of rapid urbanisation, we can observe that there are unplanned and unorganised growths all over the world. Even though the growth and development are beneficial for the economy as well as improved life quality, there are points of urban decay where growth has reached its limit due to lack of proper planning measures. This research focuses on the loss of street character due to unprecedented growth and the ways by which the street character can be retained while employing adequate planning measures. Form Based Codes, an urban design tool has been studied in detail and its planning implications are addressed to understand its role in planning and conserving the urban heritage realm.