

heritage statement may also need to be accompanied by the results of more detailed analysis involving building assessment, deposit monitoring, including characterisation of waterlogged deposits and their hydrological setting, below ground evaluation and documentary research. The Council will expect the heritage statement to examine the potential impacts of development proposals on significance and value using appropriate evidence and analysis. Where harm to archaeological features and deposits is unavoidable, development proposals will be expected to provide detail on appropriate mitigation measures agreed with City of York Council. Where development sites contain deep, wet, archaeological deposits, these mitigation measures may include provision for installation of and data recovery from deposit monitoring devices. Where mitigation measures include physical excavation of deposits, provision must include adequate resources for excavation, analysis, publication, and archive deposition with the Yorkshire Museum. Development proposals will also be expected to demonstrate the public benefits including community engagement, and lasting educational value through research, publication and display. However, the ability to record evidence of our past should not be a factor in deciding whether such loss should be permitted.

- 8.33 Copies of all heritage statements and reports on archaeological interventions, whether pre- or post determination of an application, must be deposited with the City of York HER. Physical interventions into heritage assets through standing building assessment or below ground archaeological investigations should be led by appropriately qualified individuals and organizations preferably accredited by nationally recognised professional institutes or organizations.
- 8.34 On some sites, discoveries made during archaeological evaluations or excavations may create opportunities for the permanent display of features, structures and finds. Such displays can deliver significant public benefit and add value to the finished development. Where such circumstances arise, City of York Council will encourage developers to incorporate features, structures, finds and displays into the finished development.

Delivery

- Key Delivery Partners: City of York Council; developers and Historic England
- Implementation: Planning applications; and heritage statements

Policy D7: The Significance of Non-Designated Heritage Assets

Development proposals will be encouraged and supported where they are designed to sustain and enhance, the significance of York's historic environment, including non-designated heritage assets.

The significance of non-designated heritage assets and their settings should be assessed in development proposals against the following criteria, namely the:

- special architectural or vernacular interest; and/or
- townscape and landscape significance; and/or
- historic interest; and/or

- artistic significance; and/or
- archaeological significance; and/or
- age and rarity; and/or
- community significance.

Development which would remove, harm or undermine the significance of such assets, or their contribution to the character of a place, will only be permitted where the benefits of the development outweigh the harm having regard to the scale of the harm and significance of the heritage asset.

Prior to the demolition, alteration, extension or restoration of heritage assets (both designated and on-designated) appropriate building recording relevant to the asset's significance and the scope of works will be undertaken.

Explanation

- 8.35 The National Planning Policy Framework (2012) encourages Local Authorities to consider the significance of all heritage assets. The concept of describing and appraising the significance of listed buildings, conservation areas and other 'designated assets' is longstanding in legislation and guidance, and is to be protected through the application of other policies in this section. This policy however provides clear local criteria to help guide development decisions, enabling applicants and decision makers to better understand what is meant by 'significance' in relation to local non-designated heritage assets and their settings. Any development proposals that relate to non-designated heritage assets and their settings must be accompanied by an assessment of their significance in line with the criteria in Policy D7.
- 8.36 Where a development will comprise works to a designated or non-designated heritage asset then building recording will be required. Building recording may comprise detailed archaeological survey or a photographic record, depending upon the significance of the heritage asset and the nature of the works proposed. The survey must be undertaken by a suitably experienced professional in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the Local Planning Authority and to the relevant Historic England and Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard and Guidance. The results of the building recording will be deposited with the City of York Historic Environment Record. Significant findings will also be formally published in order to make the information publicly accessible and to advance understanding.
- 8.37 City of York Council has been working alongside a local community group (York Open Planning Forum) to establish a set of criteria to appraise and help establish a Local Heritage List for York. Local Heritage Assets contribute to York's special character, significance and sense of place, as defined in the Council's Heritage Topic Paper Update (2014).
- 8.38 The policy will be supported by a Local Heritage List Supplementary Planning Document, its aims and objectives are to:
- recognise the importance of York's locally important buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas and landscapes to York's special character and significance;

- add to the local community's knowledge and enjoyment of their historic environment;
- promote the conservation, repair and enhancement of local heritage assets;
- encourage owners, and the wider community, to take pride in the care and conservation of local heritage assets, for the benefit of present and future generations; and
- promote good design for development affecting local heritage assets that is appropriate to their special character and local significance.

Delivery

- Key Delivery Partners: City of York Council; developers; and community groups,
- Implementation: Local Heritage List for York Supplementary Planning Document

Policy D8: Historic Parks and Gardens

Development proposals affecting a registered historic park and garden or their wider setting will be supported where they:

- i. do not harm the layout, design, character, appearance or setting of the park or garden, key views into or out from the park;
- ii. are sensitive to the original design intention and subsequent layers of design and the functional evolution of the park or garden and do not prejudice any future restoration.
- iii. would enhance or better reveal the significance of the Historic Park and garden or would help to secure a sustainable future for a feature within it.

Harm to an element which contributed to the significance of a Registered Historic Park and Garden will be permitted only where this is outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal. Substantial harm or total loss to the significance of a Registered Historic Park and Garden will be permitted only where it can be demonstrated that the proposal would bring substantial public benefits.

See also Policy GI and GI2

Explanation

- 8.39 The City of York contains four sites on Historic England's register of historic parks and gardens. These are Museum Gardens (Grade II), Rowntree Park (Grade II), York Cemetery (Grade II*). The grounds of Moreby Hall are also included in the register, a small portion of which lies within the City of York, but the vast majority of it lies within Selby District.
- 8.40 Historic England must be consulted on development proposals that affect a Grade I or II* listed park or garden. The Garden History Society should be given the opportunity to advice on development proposals that affect a registered park or garden of any grade.
- 8.41 Applications should be supported by a heritage statement which includes a statement of significance proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposed works, covering: