

- analysis of the significance of the park or garden relevant to the areas of proposed change. This should convey an understanding of the heritage value. It should be noted that the official list description is not a statement of significance;
- an assessment of the impact of development proposals on the special interest (significance and values) of the park or garden;
- an explanation of why the proposed works are desirable or necessary; and
- where proposals appear to cause harm to significant aspects of the park or garden, why less harmful ways of achieving desired outcomes have been discounted or are undeliverable. The greater the harm the stronger the justification should be.

8.42 A number of other parks and gardens, both in private and public ownership, are undesignated but are considered to be locally important by way of their particular historic or design interest, and the contribution they make to the landscape quality and character of the area; they are thus considered to be worthy of the same considerations.

### **Delivery**

- Key Delivery Partners: City of York Council; developers and English Heritage.
- Implementation: Planning applications.

### **Policy D9: City of York Historic Environment Record**

City of York Council will develop, maintain and make available a comprehensive digital Historic Environment Record (HER) for the City of York for use by those preparing development proposals, community groups, academic researchers and students, and the general public.

Development proposals affecting heritage assets will need to be accompanied by an appropriate Heritage Statement – it is expected that the City of York Council HER will have been consulted in preparing this document.

Copies of all heritage statements and reports on archaeological interventions and/or of historic buildings, whether pre- or post-determination, must be deposited with the City of York HER.

### **Explanation**

8.43 The City of York HER is a database of designated and undesignated heritage assets in the City of York. It includes over 6,000 records of archaeological monuments features and deposits, historic buildings, parks and gardens, and finds in York. The HER contains over 1,400 reports ('grey literature') on archaeological interventions and building recording; it includes historic maps, an extensive library of aerial photographs, photographs of buildings, national and local publications, including dissertations, conservation management plans, historic buildings assessments and other sources. It also includes historic landscape characterisation data and an emerging, detailed historic character assessment of the area within the outer ring

road. Elements of the HER are accessible through the Heritage Gateway website and online mapping of City of York Council.

- 8.44 City of York Council is committed to encouraging developers and their agents to become active partners in better revealing the significances of York's historic environment. The HER is an essential element of this process and a first point of contact for anyone wishing to research the heritage of York such as, developers, academics, members of the public and educational establishments.
- 8.45 The Local Planning Authority will expect development proposals that impact on archaeological deposits and other heritage assets to create opportunities for enhancing public and academic appreciation and understanding of York's historic environment by contributing to the development and enhancement of the HER.
- 8.46 In order to ensure the sustainability (including the long-term curation, maintenance and enhancement) of the HER, City of York Council will levy charges on those using and depositing reports and other material with the HER.

### **Delivery**

- Key Delivery Partners: City of York Council; developers, English Heritage; community groups, academic researchers; students; and the general public.
- Implementation: Planning applications; and heritage statements

### **Policy D10: York City Walls and St Marys Abbey Walls (York Walls)**

Projects that set out to conserve and enhance the values and significances of York Walls will be supported.

Development proposals within the areas of York Walls designated as Scheduled Ancient Monuments will be supported where they are for the specific purpose of enhancing physical and intellectual access to York Walls.

Development proposals adjacent to or likely to affect the setting of the City Walls designated as Scheduled Monuments will only be permitted where:

- i. they are accompanied by a Heritage Statement that clearly assesses the impact which the proposals are likely to have upon the elements and principle characteristics which contribute to their significance and the six principle characteristics of the City as identified in the Heritage Topic Paper;
- ii. they are designed to be no higher than the city walls externally and not reduce their dominance;
- iii. they do not cause harm to those elements which contribute to the significance or the setting of York Walls; and
- iv. they are of the highest design quality which, where possible, enhances or better reveals the significance of York Walls.