

Historic Parks and Gardens

- 4.105 The Plan area contains a number of historic parks and gardens that make a significant contribution to the landscape quality and character and appearance of the countryside. Nun Appleton Hall is included within the national register of Parks and Gardens of National Historic Interest. This Register is maintained by English Heritage.
- 4.106 Other sites of local importance have been identified following research carried out by the District Council in collaboration with the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies at York University. These sites are significant because of their local historical interest or because they contain significant open space, nature conservation and/or archaeological features. Many represent a potential education resource although not all are publicly accessible. The views of English Heritage and the Garden History Society will be sought regarding development proposals which may affect an historic park or garden, whether in the national register or of more local interest.
- 4.107 The following policy is intended to safeguard the character, appearance and historic value of both nationally and locally important sites. In its application, greater weight will be attached to sites on the national register than to sites of local importance. The sites are defined on the Proposals Map and listed in Appendix 8. Whilst sources of funding may be limited, the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, currently administered by DEFRA, may assist appropriate works. Proposals for the restoration of historic parks and gardens should be based on thorough historical research.

ENV16 Development proposals affecting historic parks or gardens will only be permitted where the appearance, setting, character or amenity of an historic park or garden would not be harmed.