



Doncaster
Metropolitan Borough Council

Doncaster – St. Georges Conservation Area

Review

September 2014

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Since the appraisal completed in March 2009, the general character and appearance of the area overall is much the same, however there have been some significant changes and it is important that these are noted. These are as follows: -

Conservation Area at Risk

Since the original appraisal of the conservation area the condition of all conservation areas are now reviewed. Due to the vacant nature of the former technical college, the isolated nature of the area and its fragmentary nature of development the conservation area is considered to be 'at risk'. However works are still continuing at the Minster and the former college as noted below which should long-term address these problems.

Repair Work to Minster

Several different elements of the Minster have now been repaired and which includes works to the south porch, north transept and the reredos. These works have received funding from a variety of sources including the local congregation, Friends of Doncaster Minster, Minster fundraising events, English Heritage, Heritage Lottery Fund, Terry and Liz Bramall Charitable Trust, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, WREN, Garfield Weston Trust, Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, The Wolfson Foundation, The Tanner Trust, Church Buildings Council, All Churches Trust, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and private donations. Further works are also planned including works to the central tower.



Repairs being undertaken on the North Transept

Former Technical College

Whilst the building has seen some refurbishment this unfortunately has not been fully completed. The windows have been replaced and these are sympathetic to its architecture. Whilst the building is only partially occupied there are plans for further units to be occupied in the future which will improve the vitality of the building and the area.



New windows to building

Tesco Redevelopment

This development was granted in 2009 and was renewed in 2013. It has not yet commenced however. Whilst it would be a large store and is on stilts to allow car parking underneath, it has been designed to enhance the conservation area. This is done by leaving the south-eastern area clear of building, with proposed retention of some of the existing trees as well as planting of additions along its edge and within a central strip, expanding and exploiting the current green areas around the Minster from views along Church View. The building itself is simple, with glazed atrium to the southeast, and would act as a foil to the highly decorative Minster and the former Technical College building. The scheme also provides improved pedestrian links across the site, which is vital to improve the viability of the area.

Consultation on Review

Involving the community and raising public awareness is considered an important part of reviewing the conservation area appraisal and was subject to public consultation from 1st September to 29th September. This included the following measures:

- The review was made available during this period on the Council's website with comments being welcome
- Site notices were erected in the conservation area on Friday 29th August publicising the review and also welcoming comments
- A press notice was placed in the Doncaster Star on Thursday 4th September also publicising the review and welcoming comments
- The Minster and Doncaster Civic Trust were contacted individually given their previous involvement with the original conservation area appraisal

Responses

As a result of the above consultation two responses were received from:

- The Minster – giving further information on repairs to the minster and their funding which has been included
- Doncaster Civic Trust – noting that The Old Crown was designed by Athron and Beck and that they are very concerned about the condition of the area. Nothing else to add and agree with all comments. Comments are noted.