

## **NEW WALK/ TERRY AVENUE** **Conservation Area No.6 (15.0 ha)**

### **Introduction**

The northern boundary of New Walk/Terry Avenue Conservation Area follows the line of an 11<sup>th</sup> Century dam across the Foss. The Conservation Area includes the historic planned landscape on the east bank, the river itself and Terry Avenue on the west bank. It is complemented by Rowntree Park, the open country beyond to the west and south and the Site of Special Scientific Interest of Fulford Ings to the south on the east bank. The Conservation Area was designated in 1975.

### **History**

Originally part of the Minster Way Pilgrims' route, the riverside south of the City Centre beyond the City and Friary walls was developed later as a planned landscaped promenade with trees and shrubs across St George's Field from Tower Place to the confluence of the Ouse and the Foss. The work was commissioned and planted by York Corporation in 1733 and extended a further half mile to Love Lane by the building of a bridge, Blue Bridge in the 1970's. It was extensively planted with trees, particularly elms and limes, and shrubs and gravel paths were laid out. St George's Field lies in the Area of Archaeological Importance. This was originally gifted to York Corporation for use for public events and military (target) practice. The archaeology preserved below the surface includes a Knights Templar Chapel and Mill complex. In addition, the Area of Archaeological Importance includes at the confluence of the Ouse and Foss the location of the Anglian 'Wic', one of only four such sites in the country.

### **Important Buildings**

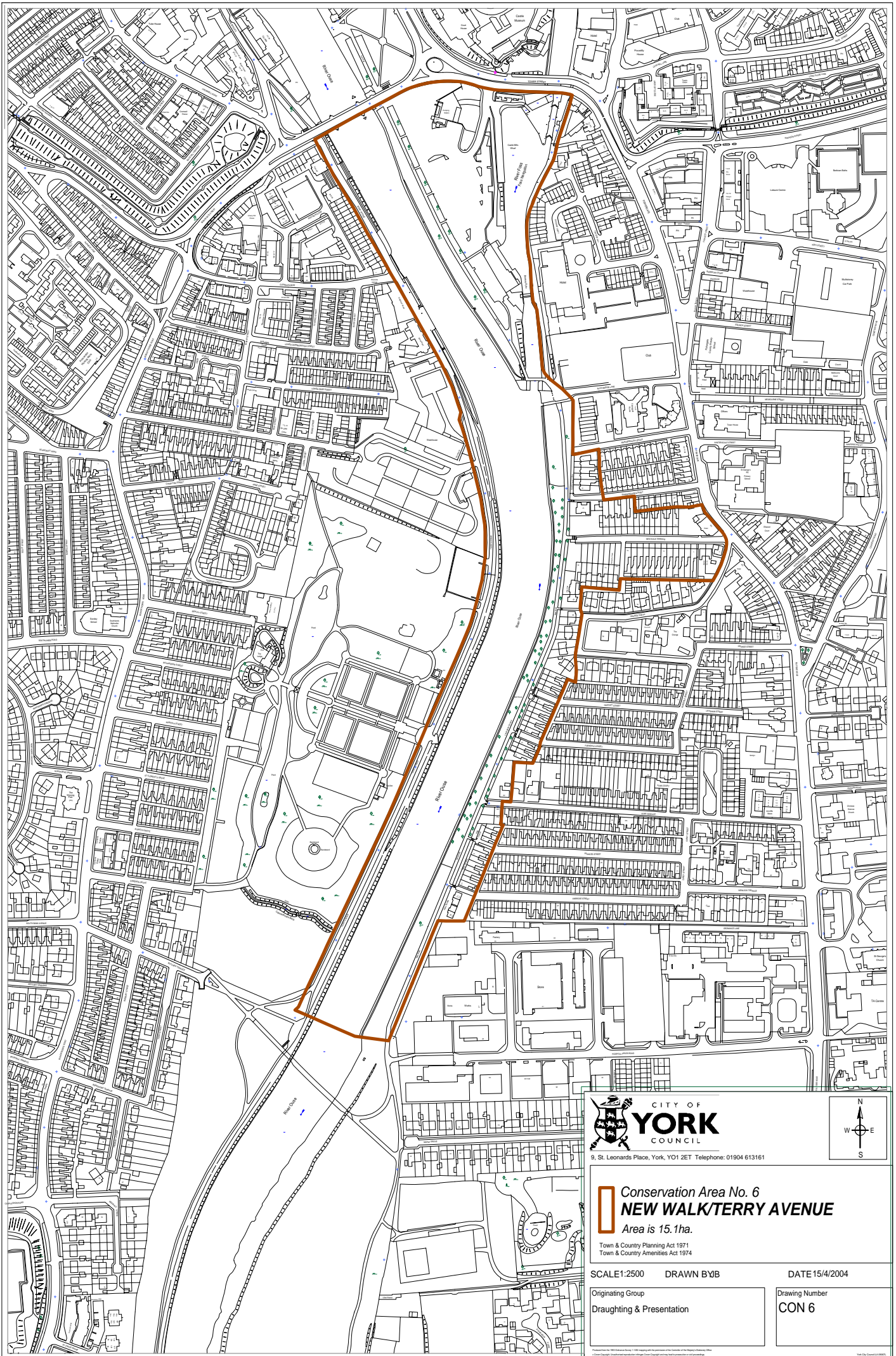
The Pikeing Well is a small stone structure over a well head. It was designed by John Carr in 1752. New Walk Terrace, contains two and three storey houses built in the early and middle nineteenth century. Like the Pikeing Well, part of the terrace is listed. The flood barrier at St George's Field prevents flood water from the Ouse from backing up the River Foss to flood the City. The scheme, designed by Cloustone, won two national awards.

### **Character**

The special character of the conservation area lies in the relationship between the natural form of the river and the planned landscapes which border it on each side. The contained space opens out to the north into the Foss Basin and to the south into Fulford Ings.

The main elements of the character and appearance of the area are:

- (1) the riverside south of the City Centre, beyond the City, which accommodates a public cycleway/walkway with a wealth of mature trees. It is a very popular riverside walk which offers long views both along the River Ouse into the countryside to the south and also towards the City;
- (2) Fulford Ings is a large open expanse of grassland in the river flood plain which again allows long views and is a heavily used area for quiet recreation;
- (3) the area at the confluence of the Ouse and Foss which provides a great deal of interest and activity with the passage of pleasure and working craft into the Foss Basin and beyond, the flood barrier and the lifting Blue Bridge, as well as being popular length of river for fishing. It is this mixture of industrial and leisure uses which makes up the special character of the area;
- (4) the length of New Walk south of Blue Bridge Lane has a high brick retaining wall adjoining the footpath and this provides enclosure to the footpath and this provides enclosure to the footpath on the East side of the river;
- (5) to the west of the river is Terry Avenue which bounds Rowntree park, providing another popular tree-lined recreational route along the river. This does not have housing adjoining and is an informal route, now free of traffic and much used by cyclists, between the City Centre and Terry's factory (and around the racecourse).




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