

ESCRICK (part)
Conservation Area No 27 (1.8 ha)

Introduction

The main part of Escrick Conservation Area is situated outside the City of York Boundary, all except the northernmost tip, to which this brief description relates. The Conservation Area as a whole was designated in 1992.

History

During the medieval period, the village was known as “Ascri” (Ash Ridge), but by 1600 the name Escrick was in use. Escrick was developed as an Estate Village by Sir Henry Thompson who acquired the village and the Hall in 1668. Sir Henry’s great grandson, Beilby Thompson, inherited the Estate in 1742. Under this ownership the village extended towards York and the Church was relocated from beside the Hall to its present site on the York Road (A19). Part of this re-organisation involved stopping the main village street at the gates to the Hall and creating a by-pass which has become the present day A19. The village’s sylvan character also evolved from the time of enclosure when the open land became parkland.

Important buildings

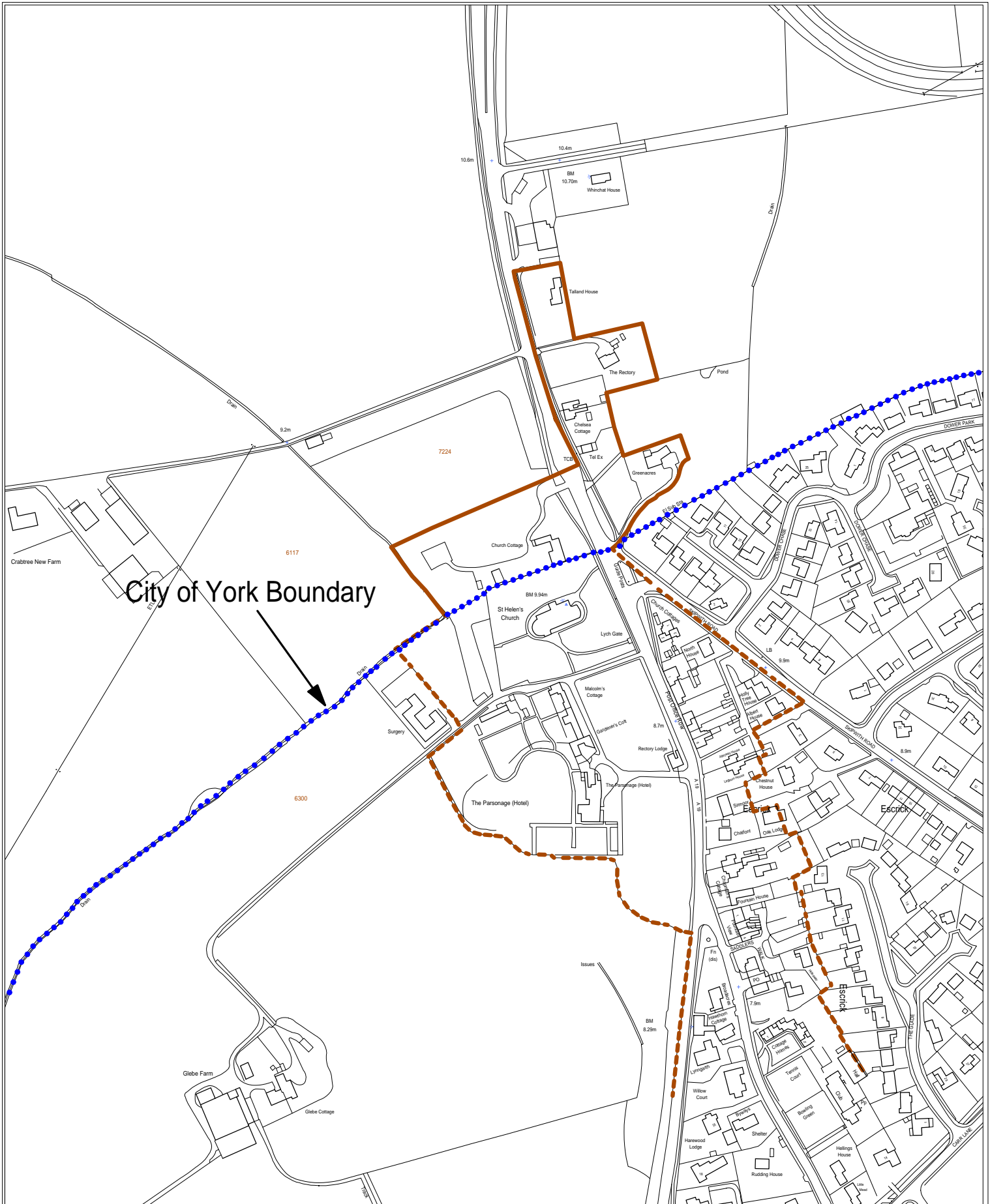
The village contains several listed buildings, including the Hall and the Church of St Helen and the adjoining rectory, now an hotel, located outside the City of York boundary.

Character

The special character of Escrick comes from its history as an estate village, with individually important buildings complemented by buildings of more modest architecture consistent in design. The whole village is given added unity by its strong and mature landscaped setting. The northernmost part of the Conservation Area is valuable as an approach route to this distinctive village with its unique history. The character of this approach, with buildings in a mature landscaped setting, views of St Helen’s Church and the anticipation of the village ahead, make this an integral part of the wider Conservation Area.

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

(1) The value of the northernmost part of the Conservation Area as an approach route and prelude to the main section of the village.



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