



# York and its Walls

## Past, Present and Future

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# **St Leonards Place, York**

























#### **Present Day**

















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#### Core Strategy - Vision

York aspires to be: a city of confident, creative and inclusive communities; economically prosperous at the forefront of innovation and change; and a world class centre for education; whilst preserving and enhancing its unique historic character and setting and fulfilling its role as a leading environmentally friendly city. This will be achieved in a way that ensures that York fulfils its role at the centre of the York Sub Area and as a part of the Leeds City Region. The LDF will take this agenda forward providing a planning framework to 2030 and beyond for the City's sustainable development.

York's Special Historic and Built Environment

A Prosperous and Thriving Economy Building Confident, Creative and Inclusive Communities A Leading Environmentally Friendly City



#### The Historic Environment and Economic Success:

"The city's heritage capital is one of the central pillars of York's attractiveness and **a major contributing factor to its economic competitiveness**."

York Retail Study, 2008



#### **The Economic Rationale:**

- 30,000 jobs in or adjacent to the
- city centre (30% of all jobs in York)
- 7 million visitors a year
- 10,000 jobs in tourism
- £360m pa tourism spend
- The city centre is the economic heart
- Critical to the city's future economic success
- > We need to maximise its economic potential
- We need to make the most of our assets

We must avoid complacency and be ambitious



#### **The Community:**

"This City has more interest groups than I have ever come across before doing this kind of work. And that is just such a fantastic resource for the City."



Prof. Alan Simpson, 2010

#### **The Environment Rationale:**

"the overall quality of life and sense of place that the city offers defines its distinctiveness and provides it with a competitive advantage."

Sustainable Community Strategy, 2008





#### Key Constraints

Protecting the Areas that Preserve York's Historic Character & Setting

City of York







#### **YORK** NEW CITY BEAUTIFUL



York New City Beautiful toward an economic vision

TOWARD AN ECONOMIC VISION









#### The setting of the Minster from Duncombe Place should be improved



Setting of York Minster .....

....highway dominated



### The setting of the Minster – should be high quality public realm





#### Setting of Sheffield Town Hall

Plaza de Samarg

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#### The Changing shape of the City Centre





## VISION an economic York New City Beautiful toward













#### **People Changing Places**

We need your ideas! walk Sitt Placecneck Saturday 4 July 09 11am-3pm Exhibition Square, York City Art Gallery Placecheck rela City of York Council wants to improve your public space so we need your help! If you walk, sit, relax, play, eat, drink or stroll in and around Exhibition Square and links through to Yorkshire Museum Gardens then come and tell us how you feel about the space now and any ideas you have for the future. Everyone is welcome. Fun activities for children and young people Come and have your say! drir stroll For enquiries contact Kate Bennett on 6210 01924 215550 or email kate@beam.uk.net





