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Pontefract

Client
DTZ

Location
Pontefract, Yorkshire

Services Provided
Historic Buildings

Date of Completion
May 2007

Key Issues

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Recommendations for proposed boundary amendments and possible areas for enhancement

As part of a wider Master Plan being prepared by DTZ for the Pontefract Central Area, the historic buildings team undertook an appraisal of a large study area defined by Wakefield Borough Council which included three existing conservation areas.

The market town of Pontefract has been substantially altered by inappropriate development during the late twentieth century. The area off the wide street connecting the ruined castle, the town's most important feature, with the town centre was comprehensively redeveloped during the 1950s and 1960s, while the construction of new roads during the 1970s divided the town centre from the surrounding area.

The market place remains the focal point of the town retaining many of its historic buildings while the grounds of the castle and Valley Gardens provide important green open spaces.

The appraisal involved compiling a historical outline of the area, an assessment of the existing character to be 'preserved' and identification of possible areas for 'enhancement'.

This process produced many recommendations including the substantial extension of the existing conservation area and the division of the proposed conservation area into individual 'character zones'. Many prominent buildings were recommended for local or statutory listing.

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