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Comprehensive Architectural Design Service

**3.0**

**Historical Context, Locality Photos &  
Local Facilities**



Midland road, Royston

## 3.0 Context – Historical Context, Locality Photos & Local Facilities

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Royston is a suburban village within the Metropolitan borough of Barnsley, in South Yorkshire, England. Historically part of the West Riding of Yorkshire, but was incorporated into the Metropolitan borough of Barnsley in 1974 and is now on the border with West Yorkshire. It is part of the Barnsley Central borough constituency.

Originally a farming village, Royston joined the Industrial Revolution with the construction in the 1790s of the Barnsley Canal, and later a branch of the Midland Railway. Both are now disused. Royston had a colliery, a clay works and brick works but these are all now closed, although a coke works operated until recently on the mine site processing coal brought in by road. A large shirt factory with the brand name *Valusta* provided local employment from the 1940s through to the 1980s.

Royston lies on the Barnsley Canal, and on the intersection of the B6132 and B6428 roads, due north of Monk Bretton. The Trans Pennine Trail runs through Royston along the canal bank. The parish is part of the diocese of Wakefield.



Royston, Barnsley

# 3.1 Locality Photos – Photographic Viewpoints

The following diagram illustrates photographic viewpoints taken, to be read in conjunction with following analysis of the local amenities and facilities within the context of Fryston.

Our development will be compliant with South

Yorkshire District Councils requirements and is consistent with the aims and objectives of current Government Planning Policy in providing homes in sustainable locations.

The development will be a positive regeneration

of a former school. It will also bring needed housing, built from quality materials and to a high specification, of varying accommodation sizes to necessitate future occupants, *(refer to separate House Types)*.



## 3.2 Locality Photos

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Royston Group Practice



Leisure Centre



Co-operative



Library



Parkside Primary School



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Character Evaluation –  
Local Vernacular



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# 4.0 Character Evaluation

This section provides a visual summary of the residential areas within the immediate and wider

area in terms of era, architectural design, detailing and materials palette applied. The aim is

to demonstrate how growth over time has led to an eclectic mix of properties.



## 4.1 Character Evaluation - Photos

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## 4.2 Character Evaluation

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### Queensway

#### Approx 1940's

#### Materials Palette :

- Red Facing brick
- Houses all have white front doors
- Brick door surround
- Brick eaves and verges
- Black, white and grey RWP
- White Windows (timber/UPVC (replaced over time))
- Mixture of grey and brown roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

- Traditional build
- Two storey semi-detached houses.
- Chimneys
- Stone headers and sills

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Units feature low brick walls and low wooden fences with gates and paths leading to the front door. Grass gardens.



## 4.3 Character Evaluation

### Common Lane

**A mixture of approx. 1920's/60's bungalows/90's**

#### Materials Palette :

- Red and orange Facing brick
- Some grey pebble rendered bungalows
- Majority white doors, some brown.
- Brick eaves and verges
- Black RWP
- Majority white windows (timber/UPVC (replaced over time)
- Mixture of grey and brown roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

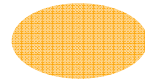
- Traditional builds
- A variety of terraces, semi-detached houses and detached bungalows.
- Chimneys on all houses
- stone headers and sills on 1920's terraces.
- Stone detailing on majority 1990's semidetached houses

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Terraces houses feature low brick walls with gate to front door
- Bungalows feature wooden fencing divides or low brick walls
- 1990's houses brick/block paved drives on front of property with lawns.



# 4.4 Character Evaluation



## Midlands Road

### Mixture of properties 1920's/50's

#### Materials Palette :

- Red, orange, brown Facing brick
- Some Render
- Majority white front doors
- Brick eaves and verges
- Black and white RWP
- Majority White Windows (timber/UPVC (replaced over time)
- Mixture of grey and brown roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

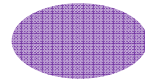
- Traditional build
- Mixture of 2 storey semi-detached, terraced and detached houses
- Chimneys
- stone headers and sills

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Units feature low brick walls with paths.



# 4.5 Character Evaluation



## Ruston Drive

### 1990's-present day

#### Materials Palette :

- Red and yellow Facing brick
- Majority white doors
- Brick eaves and verges
- white RWP
- White windows UPVC
- Mixture of brown and red roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

- Traditional build
- Predominately 2 storey detached houses
- No chimneys
- Detailed brick headers, a mixture of brick sills
- Some brick Banding

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Some units feature low metal railings
- Tarmac / block paved drives on front of property or down the sides with grass lawns.



# 4.6 Character Evaluation

## Station Road

### 1910/40/50's

#### Materials Palette :

- Red and orange Facing brick
- Some Render
- Majority white doors
- Brick eaves and verges
- Black and white RWP
- White Windows (timber/UPVC (replaced over time))
- Mixture of grey and brown roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

- Traditional build
- Predominately 2 storey semi-detached units
- Some detached houses
- Chimneys
- Brick headers and sills

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Units feature low brick/timber and shrubbery walls

- Tarmac / block paved drives on front of property or down the sides.
- Some houses with lawns



# 4.7 Character Evaluation

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## Northlands

### 1940/50's

#### Materials Palette :

- Brown facing brick
- Majority pebble render
- White doors
- Brick eaves and verges
- white RWP
- White Windows (timber/UPVC (replaced over time))
- Mixture of grey and brown roof tiles

#### Defining Characteristics :

- Traditional build
- Bungalows
- Some with and without chimneys

#### Boundary Treatments :

- Units feature low wooden fences
- Tarmac / block paved drives on front of property or down the sides with lawns and shrubbery.



## 4.8 Character Evaluation Summary

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### **Local Vernacular and Built Form**

It can be seen from previous pages of analysis that the local vernacular / character of Royston traditionally uses red brick, stone headers and sills which have been painted over time, majority white and brown timber windows which have been replaced over time with UPVC. On the older properties there are chimneys. Most houses in the immediate village of Royston were built in the 1920's and are semi-detached and terrace units with small brick walls and gates to the front of the houses and on street parking.

Within Royston there are also a variety of houses built in the 1940's, potentially social housing. These properties are majority semi-detached or bungalows. The semi detached properties are red brick with brown or grey tiled roofs, with stone headers and sill. Majority have white

windows and doors. A mixture of on road parking or drives with low wooden fences and low brick walls. The bungalows are pebble render with majority white windows and doors. Having low wooden fencing or brick walls. brick or tarmac drives with grass lawns.

To the North and East of the site there are newer housing estates built approximately in the 1990's to present day. These properties have red or yellow facing bricks and are predominantly detached. The windows are white with detailed stone headers and sills. The majority of the houses have white doors and white rain water pipes. There are low metal rails on a small few of these units, majority have no fencing. Having tarmac or brick drives with grass lawns and space for parked cars.

The choice of house types have been carefully considered to deliver a mix that will meet local

housing needs. A range of units including terraced, semi-detached and detached will collate to form a built form suitable and appropriate for the area.

A complimentary material palette has been chosen for the scheme, as detailed in the Design element of this report, sympathetic and complimentary to the area of Royston. We therefore consider house types to be compatible to the traditional village of Royston.