

Derwenthorpe Phase One

York, Yorkshire & Humberside

RICHARDS PARTINGTON ARCHITECTS



Owner & Client

Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust

Applicant

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Landscape Designer

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Post-completion monitoring

Leeds Metropolitan University

Embodying the ethos and legacy of the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust, Derwenthorpe is a mixed tenure, exemplar community of energy efficient homes, designed to meet the demands of both current and future inhabitants. It delivers a sustainable residential development within a generous landscaped environment providing much needed housing on the periphery of York. The design draws on the rich architectural legacy of Joseph Rowntree's model village at nearby New Earswick, planned by Parker and Unwin over a century ago. Steeply pitched roofs, painted brickwork and striking dormer windows are combined to create a distinctive sense of place. At the heart of the scheme is a well-designed public square with benches and local area for play. The movement infrastructure gives priority to pedestrians. 'Home zones' – single surface streets with no kerbs and limited car access and speeds – and landscaped courtyards provide further opportunities for play. All of the houses have private gardens and many have double-height sunspaces.