

Review of potential sites in Doncaster district

[Those highlighted are on Doncaster Council's local list of historic parks and gardens]

Bawtry Hall

Location

SE 650 928

Extent of historic designed landscape

24 ha (60 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century with further developments in late 19th and early 20th centuries

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Pemberton Milnes built Hall in 1779 following purchase from Lister family, remained in Milnes family until 1860s. Sold to Charles Hugh Lowther who rented it out until last private owner George Herbert Peake in 1900s. Acquired by MOD in 1939 and sold in the 1980s.

Current status

Parkland and lake to south and Edwardian formal garden remain. Parkland to west now built on. Hall is privately owned. It is used as a base for a videogames business and is offered as a wedding venue. They own 3ha of the immediate gardens.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Bawtry Hall sale catalogues 1904 (DY/DAW/9/8) and 1925 (DY/DAW/9/222)

National Archives – Tithe map 1840 (IR 30/43/35)

Sheffield City Archives – Crewe Muniments Part 2, Deeds, Rentals and surveys for the Bawtry estates (CM/1688, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1770, 1762, 1797, 1807, 1837, 1902/1-2, 1965/1-6, 2007, 2309, 2314 & 2319-2326); Arundel Castle Manuscripts, Lease of Bawtry Old Hall to Thomas Lister (ACM/SD/874/4)

Bentley Park – delete due to lack of archives?

Location

SE 564 062

Extent of historic designed landscape

5 hectares (13 acres)

Period of development

1923-1931

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Public park financed by Miners Welfare Fund

Current status

Recently renovated including pavilion

Archives

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Bilham Park – delete due to lack of archives/remains on ground?

Location

SE 492 064

Extent of historic designed landscape

16 hectares (40 acres)

Period of development

Early 18th century to early 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

House built early 18th century by Thomas Selwood (land originally belonged to Roche Abbey but buildings had gone by 1711). William Natham Wright Hewett built the Belvedere in 1800 (architect John Rawstoner). Bought by Thellusson family of Brodsworth who demolished Hall in 1860s.

Current status

Some of the parkland and woodland remain, ?fishponds

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Map of Bilham by Samuel Grover 1711 (DZ/MD 483), Records of the Brodsworth Estate, schedule of property early 20th century (DD/BROD/18/8)

Sheffield City Archives – Rental of Bilham 1691-2 (CD/468)

Bramwith Hall – delete as mainly 20th century & few archives?

Location

SE 642 117

Extent of historic designed landscape

10 hectares (25 acres)

Period of development

Possibly 18th century but present landscape replanted in 20th century?

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Manor bought by Yarborough family of Campsmount in 1695. House rebuilt in 1838 - by whom?

Current status

Small area of parkland still exists

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Bramwith Hall estate sale catalogue 1906 (DY/DAW/9/81), Moss and Bramwith plan 1827 (DZ MZ 30/P25), Kirk Bramwith parish plan 1782 (DDCY/1/P10)

Sheffield City Archives – Enclosure of Moss and Kirk Bramwith 1783 (SY/281/P)

Burghwallis Hall

Location

SE 536 119

Extent of historic designed landscape

29 ha (72 acres)

Period of development

Early 16th century with significant development in late 18th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Estate passed to Anne family of Frickley in late 16th century and they were there until 1941 when it was sold to Bishop of Leeds. The house was later acquired (1946) by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Good and Perpetual Succour.

Current status

Up for sale as residential home plus 1.9 hectares (outline planning permission for up to 6 dwellings in grounds?). Park reverted to farmland but southern woodland intact.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Burghwallis and Crathorne deeds and estate papers 1786-1850 (DD/BAX), deeds 1717-1954 (1278), estate sale catalogue 1942 (DY/DAW/9/14), other records (DD/ANNE/6), enclosure map 1818 and tithe award & map 1849-1851 (PR/BURGH)

YAS Archives (Leeds) – Anne Burghwallis Hall Collection (YAS/MD218)

Campsmount Park

Location

SE 538 140

Extent of historic designed landscape

70 ha (173 acres)

Period of development

Early 18th century (landscape associated with earlier building, Brayton Hall), major remodelling following building of Campsmount Hall in 1750s. Further work in early 19th century including enlarging the Hall in 1802 (architect, William Lindley).

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Yarborough family bought estate in early 17th century, they (later as Cooke-Yarboroughs) lived there until 1930s. Requisitioned in WW2, mansion demolished in 1959. Joseph Perfect laid out grounds in 1720s, John Webb drew up improvement plan in 1802.

Current status

Park now mainly farmland and some woodland survives together with walls of kitchen garden and pond.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Papers of the Cooke-Yarborough family of Campsmount estate papers (DZ MZ 62) including accounts, vouchers and receipts 1793-1799, deeds and correspondence 1660 to 20th century, accounts 1750-1760; surveys and valuations 1772-1825, late 19th century photographs of

grounds; (DZ MZ 30) including accounts 1656-20th century, auction sale catalogue 1919, correspondence 17th and 18th century, maps and plans 18th and 19th century, (DDCY) estate plans mid 18th century and John Webb improvement plan (1802)

Cantley Hall

Location

SE 620 021

Extent of historic designed landscape

48ha (119 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century following building of Hall with further additions in 19th century (alterations to the Hall by William Lindley in 1802)

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Hall built by Childers Walbank Childers in 1785 and was in his family until 1902. Bought in 1904 by Earl Fitzwilliam who leased it out, with a tenant Thomas Darley buying it in the 1950s. Hall and grounds sold in 1988 to Graham Kirkham.

Current status

Most of park survives as does Hall, walled kitchen garden and glasshouses. (Very!) private owner, so access may be a problem

Archives

Doncaster Archives – 1988 sale catalogue (DZ/MD 425), Childers Cantley estate plans 1849 and 1868 (DX/BAX), Cantley enclosure plan 1777 & part enclosure award and plan 1765 (RD/DON)

National Archives – Tithe map 1849 (IR 30/43/84)

Sheffield City Archives – Wentworth Woodhouse Muniments (WWM/E Donc) including garden accounts 1928/9, deeds 1853-1900; 1900 sale catalogue (SY/664/Z/1/1R)

Crookhill Hall

Location

SK 526 971

Extent of historic designed landscape

36 ha (90 acres)

Period of development

Mid to late 18th century with some additions in 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Woodyear family owned estate from early 17th century to 1924 when it was offered for sale. Bought by West Riding Council who converted it to a sanatorium. Hall demolished by 1974.

Current status

Parkland now a golf course though fish pond remains as do 2 small plantations and walls of kitchen garden?

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Woodyeare family of Crookhill papers (DX.BAX); Sale catalogue 1924 (DY/DAW/9/16); Will of John Woodyeare, 1799-1801 (DD/DC/D/596)

Leeds University Special Collections (YAS) – Woodyeare family of Conisborough deeds (DD18) including plan of Crookhill 1838-1840

National Archives – purchase of Crookhill Hall Sanatorium 1925-1934 (MH 52/137), tithe map for Clifton Crookhill in parish of Conisbrough (IR 30/43/104)

Edlington Wood/Hall – delete as little more information to be found?

Location

SK 549 980 (wood)

Extent of historic designed landscape

8 hectares (20 acres) Hall and grounds; 100 hectares (250 acres) wood

Period of development

16th century with later work in early 18th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Owned by Sir Edward Stanhope in late 16th century. Robert Molesworth bought estate c. 1707 and developed grounds – large park shown on Warburton c. 1720, possibly a piece of ancient woodland. Lord Molesworth pulled down much manor house in 1775, described as ruinous by 1804. In 1803 Hall and grounds bought by William Wrightson of Cusworth and incorporated into his estate. The now detached Edlington Wood bought by Earl Fitzwilliam at same time.

Current status

Woodland largely intact. No trace of Hall or its gardens and parkland

Archives

Doncaster Archives - Account book for sale of wood at Edlington 1808 – 1812 (DD/BW/E4/4)

National Archives – Tithe map of Edlington 1840 (IR 30/43/141)

Sheffield City Archives - Letter from C. Bowns to Fitzwilliam re details of proposed exchange of Edlington woods with Mr Wrightson 1813 (WWM/F/106/20), Letter from C. Bowns, York, to Fitzwilliam Details of Edlington woods exchange, with sketch map enclosed (WWM/F/106/23 & 24), Letter from C. Bowns to Fitzwilliam re Edlington Wood 1818 (WWM/F/107/48), Sales from Edlington Wood 1809 (WWM/F/106/60), Plan Edlington Wood 1759 (SY/121/Z3/1),

Elmfield Park – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 582 027

Extent of historic designed landscape

10 hectares (27 acres)

Period of development

Early 19th century with remodelling as public park in 1920s

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Originally site of Elmfield House built in 1803 by Colonel Childers. Sold to Doncaster Corporation in 1920 and turned into public park 2 years later.

Current status

Mainly intact

Archives

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Frickley Park

Location

SE 467 085

Extent of historic designed landscape

49 ha (160 acres)

Period of development

14th century grounds associated with moated manor house with parkland added in 18th century and enlarged in 19th century, following building of current Hall.

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Medieval manor owned by Anne family (of Burghwallis) and remained with them until it was sold to Anthony Wharton in c. 1770 who built current Hall. Then sold to William Payne in 1786 and to Benjamin Kennet Dawson in early 1800s. Bought in 1844 by William Aldam.

Current status

Parkland largely intact as are plantations, only walls of kitchen garden remain. Private - owned by Warde Aldam family

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Records of the estates of the Walde-Aldam family of Frickley Hall 1892-1956 (SY444/F); Papers of William Aldam of Frickley 1718-1890 (DD/WA); deeds (DD WA);

John Goodchild Collection – Aldam manuscripts (ALDAM) including sale plans and solicitors correspondence re estate 1832-4.

National Archives – tithe map Clayton with Frickley (IR 30/43/100)

Sheffield City Archives – Yorks deeds and estate papers, 13th to 20th century (WARDE-ALDAM), Warde-Aldam estate records 1839-1956 (444/F1-15)

Hesley Park, Rossington

Location

SK 618 956

Extent of historic designed landscape

19.5 ha (48 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century with major remodelling in late 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

First Hall built c. 1760 by Francis Willoughby, then passed through a series of owners to the Whitaker family in late 19th century. New Hall built on site of old in 1884 and the grounds laid out at this time to complement earlier parkland. Sold in 1941 and used as a school for those with special needs.

Current status

Northern parkland intact with many specimen trees. Kitchen garden built over? Owned by the Hesley Group who run the school.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – plan of extension of railway from Rossington 1861 (DY/BRB/14/10), part enclosure 1765 (RD/DON)?

National Archives – tithe map of Rossington 1838 (IR 30/43/337)

Nottingham University Special Collections – Papers of the Willoughby Family title deeds to 1732 (Mi 4/153), estate accounts to 1714 (Mi Da 179/1-73)

Sheffield City Archives – Enclosure of Rossington 1810 (SY/311/Z14/1), part enclosure 1765 (SY/509/Z2/3)?

High Melton Hall

Location

SE 508 018

Extent of historic designed landscape

80 ha (200 acres) plus 120ha (300 acres) Melton Wood (detached)

Period of development

Mid 18th century with later 19th century additions

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Came into the Fountayne family through marriage in mid 17th century. John Fountayne rebuilt old manor house in 1757 (architect, James Paine). His great grandson, Andrew Montagu (ne Fountayne Wilson) enlarged the estate in mid 19th century. Sold by the family in 1927 to building contractors. In 1948, it became a college.

Current status

Parkland and woodland largely intact. Temple, bathhouses, icehouse and ponds still exist. The property is currently up for sale.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – High Melton College records (SC3), sale plan 1927 (DY/DAW/9/75), tithe map 1847 (P20)

Sheffield City Archives – Melton Hall muniments (MHD 1-350)

Howell Wood, Clayton/Burnt Wood Hall – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 437 092

Extent of historic designed landscape

75 hectares (185 acres)

Period of development

18th to 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Attached to Burnt Wood [Burntwood] Hall belonging to the Marsden family from 1700 until 1815

Current status

Woodland intact, parkland of Burnt Wood Hall now farmland

Archives

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Hyde Park Cemetery, Doncaster – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 575 023

Extent of historic designed landscape

6 hectares (15 acres)

Period of development

1856 - 1871

Key Figures (owners/designers)

First municipal cemetery in Doncaster

Current status

Intact

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioners archives (MB/CEM/1)?

Hooton Pagnell Hall

Location

SE 485 078

Extent of historic designed landscape

27 ha (67 acres)

Period of development

17th century gardens with later additions to parkland in mid 18th century and further work in late 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Owned by the Warde family since mid 17th century who updated the medieval manor house in 18th century (William Lindley architect in second phase). Further work in late 19th century by Mrs Walde-Aldam.

Current status

Parkland now converted to farmland although shelter belt survives. Kitchen garden survives (and is operational?) Still privately owned by Walde-Norbury family, part of one wing now a hotel/wedding venue.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Papers of the Walde-Norbury family of Hooton Pagnell 1826-1893 including estate accounts (late 19th & 20th century), surveys (DD/WN) & further estate papers held privately (HP, microfilm copies: DZMZ/85)

Private collection (?at Hooton Pagnell, contact through Doncaster Archives) – Hooton Pagnell Manor survey 1820 (HP/13/10-11)

Loversall Hall

Location

SK 576 987

Extent of historic designed landscape

36 ha (89 acres)

Period of development

17th century with main development in the 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Medieval hall replaced by current Hall between 1808 and 1816 by James Fenton. Possible early gardens associated with first house and parkland with fish pond mid 18th century. Estate sold to George Bankes in 1816 and then passed to Sophia Flora Cooke Yarborough in 1894 and remained with her family until 1967. It was sold to a series of private owners.

Current status

North west section of park now crossed by M18, otherwise rest is intact. Kitchen garden now built over but serpentine fishpond may remain. Private owner.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Sale catalogue 1967 (DY/STAN/9/28), records relating to Hall 1871-1967 (P22)

National Archives – tithe map 1839 (IR 30/43/133)

Memorial Park, Thorne/Thorne Hall – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 687 129

Extent of historic designed landscape

5 hectares (12 acres) of which 3 hectares (8 acres) is park

Period of development

Late 19th and early 20th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Owned by the Ellison family who built the 18th century Hall. Park developed after purchase by Doncaster Council in 1920

Current status

Intact

Archives

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Owston Hall

Location

SE 549 111

Extent of historic designed landscape

140 ha (340 acres)

Period of development

Early 18th century with significant landscaping in late 18th century and early 19th century.

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Possible 15th century park associated with manor house belonging to Adams family of nearby Burghwallis. Estate purchased by Henry Cooke c. 1697/8 and it remained with family until the 1970s.

Thomas White drew up an improvement plan in 1785 (not executed?), as did Repton in 1792.

Current status

Parkland now 2 golf courses. Hall now a hotel.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Papers of Davies-Cooke family (DD/DC), extensive estate records detailed in Klemperer's book

Regent Square, Doncaster – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 580 031

Extent of historic designed landscape

0.4 hectares (1 acre)

Period of development

Mid 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

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Current status

Intact

Archives

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Rose Hill Cemetery, Cantley – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 609 023

Extent of historic designed landscape

17 hectares (43 acres)

Period of development

1930s incorporating earlier parts of Cantley Hall estate

Key Figures (owners/designers)

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Current status

Intact

Archives

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Rossington Hall

Location

SK 638 966

Extent of historic designed landscape

120 ha (300 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century around previous house called 'Shooters Hill'. Remodelling after building of current Hall in 1882.

Key Figures (owners/designers)

James Stovin built original Hall in 1770s on land leased from Doncaster Corporation for 100 years. Corporation sold estate in 1838 to James Brown. His son's nephew, R. J. Streatfield, built the new Hall as the previous one had been destroyed by fire. House sold in 1939 to Catholic Order who sold it back to the Doncaster Corporation in 1948, who opened a special school there. School closed in 2008.

Current status

Parkland now largely intact, as well as pleasure grounds. Now a hotel.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – 1938 Sale Catalogue (DZMD/152), Rossington Hall school papers (MB/EDUC/2), Doncaster Manor, Rossington Survey 1768 (AB/7/2/1&2), Doncaster Corporation Rossington Estate accounts 1840 (DZMD/567), plan of extension of railway from Rossington 1861 (DY/BRB/14/10), part enclosure 1765 (RD/DON), Abstract of title Rossington estate 1879-1838 (DZMD/625)

National Archives – tithe map of Rossington 1838 (IR 30/43/337)

Northamptonshire Archives – Great Northern Railway route incl Rossington 1846 (59)

Sheffield City Archives – Enclosure of Rossington 1810 (SY/311/Z14/1), part enclosure 1765 (SY/509/Z2/3)

St Catherine's Grounds, Balby – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 567 001

Extent of historic designed landscape

34 hectares (85 acres)

Period of development

Mid 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

House built in 1839 for George Banks by John Clark.

Current status

Only shelter belt survives, rest is built over

Archives

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Skelbrooke Hall

Location

SE 511 122

Extent of historic designed landscape

36 ha (90 acres)

Period of development

Early 18th century with further development in 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Henry Brown married daughter of Richard Lister and built current Hall (possibly on site of manor house) in first half 18th century. Parkland shown on Warburton c. 1720. Passed back to relative of Lister family (John Pate Nevile) in 1823 and remained with Nevile family until the 1950s.

Current status

Parkland now farmland, house occupies walled kitchen garden. Pond and pleasure grounds around it survive? Privately owned (?Saul family)

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Shelbrooke estate papers, Nevile family 1759-1843 (DX/BAX)

National Archives – tithe map 1848 (IR 30/43/357)

West Yorkshire Archives Wakefield - John Goodchild Collection, records of the Nevile family of Skelbrooke 1692-1964 (NEVILLE) and valuation of estates nd; schedule of title deeds nd; estate

accounts nd; abstract of title from 1838 (LEATHAM), Plans of Skelbrooke Park estate (C700), plan of turnpike road (QE20/2/2)

Sprotbrough Hall

Location

SE 542 019

Extent of historic designed landscape

170 ha (420 acres)

Period of development

17th century with developments through to early 20th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Acquired by the Copley family through marriage from Fitz-Williams in late 15th century. Remained in their family until 1925. Following the sale, the Hall was demolished.

Current status

Park now built over with housing

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Papers of Copley family (DD/Crom), extensive estate records detailed in Klemperer's book

The Park, Adwick-le-Street – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 538 034

Extent of historic designed landscape

8 hectares (19 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century with later public park in 20th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Owned by Washington family from c. 1570 to early 18th century. Passed through a series of owners until George Wroughton who rebuilt the Hall c. 1800 and remodelled the grounds. House demolished in 1860s

Current status

Park intact retaining some elements of earlier parkland and gardens associated with Adwick Hall

Archives

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Tickhill Castle grounds – delete due to lack of archives and remains on ground

Location

SK 593 928

Extent of historic designed landscape

2.5 hectares (6 acres)

Period of development

18th century with further development in 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Thomas Sanderson leased the Norman castle and associated 17th century house before 1739. Leased to Lumley family for 200 years

Current status

Site mainly grassed over including fishpond?

Archives

National Archives – survey of Tickhill castle 1563/4 (DL 44/113), perspective view of Tickhill Castle, 1561 (MPC 1/96), Survey and valuation of the castle and demesne lands of Tickhill 1808 (DL 42/230), tithe map of Tickhill 1848 (IR 30/43/410)

Sheffield City Archives – plans of alterations to Tickhill Castle 1906 (AP 49-52)

Wadworth Hall Grounds – delete due to lack of archives and remains on ground

Location

SK 575 970

Extent of historic designed landscape

14 hectares (36 acres)

Period of development

18th century with later developments in the 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Josias Wordsworth built Hall by 1750 (architect James Paine). Sold in 1825 by Wordsworth family and bought by RT Coulman.

Current status

Only small sections of woodland remain, parkland now farmland

Archives

Doncaster Archives – sale catalogue 1969 (DY/STAN/9/36)

Wilsic Hall Grounds – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SK 564 958

Extent of historic designed landscape

20 hectares (50 acres)

Period of development

Mid 18th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Developed by the Tofield family from c. 1692. Thomas Tofield the elder (1695-1747) and his son, Thomas (1730-1779) were noted civil engineers and Thomas junior a noted botanist. Had a series of owners throughout 19th century and 20th century until bought by Hesley Hall Trust (see above)

Current status

Some parkland now farmland, otherwise intact. Kitchen garden built on but some parts of pleasure ground survive

Archives

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Woodlands Hall Grounds - is there enough in archives?

Location

SE 531 079

Extent of historic designed landscape

32 hectares (80 acres)

Period of development

Late 18th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

The mansion 'Woodlands' was built at end of 18th century by Thomas Bradford with small plot of c. 40 acres. The next owner, Christopher Waterton, expanded the grounds to present dimensions including Hanging Wood to south, by buying land from Sir George Cooke. The earliest reference to the lake is in a lease of 24 September 1816. The estate, mansion house and about 116 acres of grounds in the parish of Adwick le Street, was purchased in 1904 for the sum of £15,000 on account of the coal lying under the land by Brodsworth. Part became public park for expanding mining village of same name.

Current status

A small section of the parkland survives together with the southern woodland, middle plantation and Fishpond.

Archives

Doncaster Archives – Schedule of deeds for Woodlands Estate, 1791-1859 & 1859-1904 (DD/BROD/2/1&2), sale catalogue for Woodlands Estate early 19th century (DD/BW/Y/27), plans of Woodlands lake 1854 (DD/BROD/20/55&56)

Wyndthorpe Hall Grounds – delete due to lack of archives

Location

SE 639 074

Extent of historic designed landscape

21 hectares (53 acres)

Period of development

Early 19th century

Key Figures (owners/designers)

Originally known as Park Lane Hall, it was built in early 19th century by the Wright family. Bought by Chetwynd family in 1906, having occupied it from 1901. After WW2 bought by WR Council to be used as a children's home. Now a nursing home

Current status

Parkland now farmland and kitchen garden built over. Some of the shelter belt remains

Archives

Norfolk Record Office – 2 drawings of Park Lane Hall 19th century (HIL/4/97,882X6)