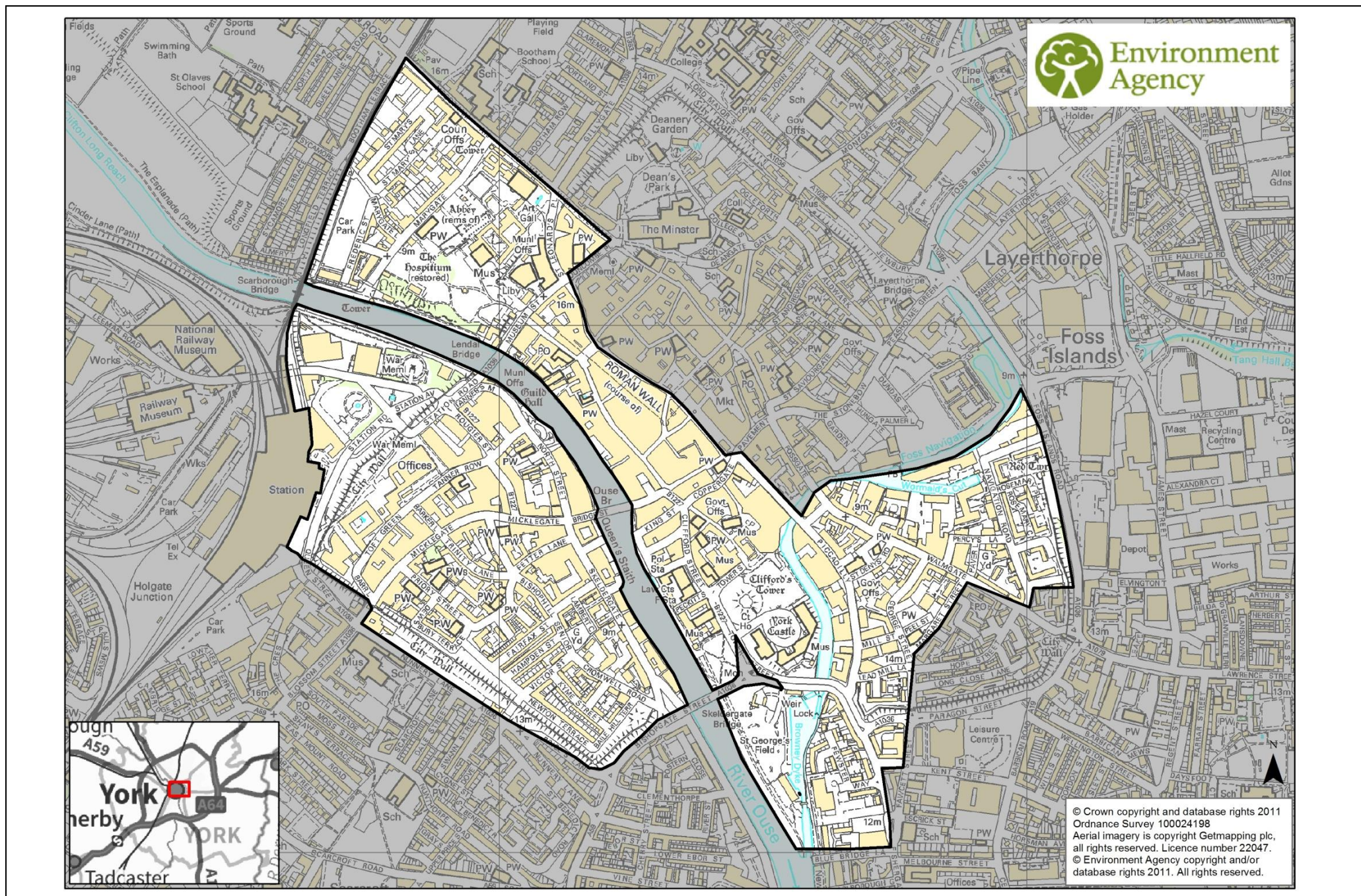


Community Profile: York City Centre



This area lies over both sides of the River Ouse, between Scarborough Bridge and Skeldergate Bridge (and down to the Foss Barrier on the east side). The extent stretches from City Wall on the west side over to Marygate, Parliament Street and Foss Island Road on the east side.

The Foss Barrier is located in this community. Other assets include flood gates, high ground along the river banks and flood walls. Flood warning services are provided for York City and has significant coverage across this community. There are currently no flood wardens within this area.

We estimate that around 880 residential properties are currently at risk of flooding from the River Ouse and River Foss within this area during a 1% (1 in 100 year) flood event. This may rise to 1050 due to climate change.

In 2005, the Draft Ouse Strategy critically assessed several options for reducing flood risk in York. The strategy suggested that the best option to mitigate flood risk within York was to raise defences and/or construct new barriers.

What work may be possible?

- ✓ Raise the walls surrounding the Foss Barrier
- ✓ Upgrade the capacity of the pumps at the Foss Barrier
- ✓ Raise defence along North Street and extend to War Memorial and Post Office
- ✓ Reinforce wall along Tower Street
- ✓ Property level resilience
- ✓ Low flood event wall along King Staithes
- ✓ Road reprofiling on Tower Street
- ✓ Raise defences along Museum Gardens and tie into high ground and replace flood gates

