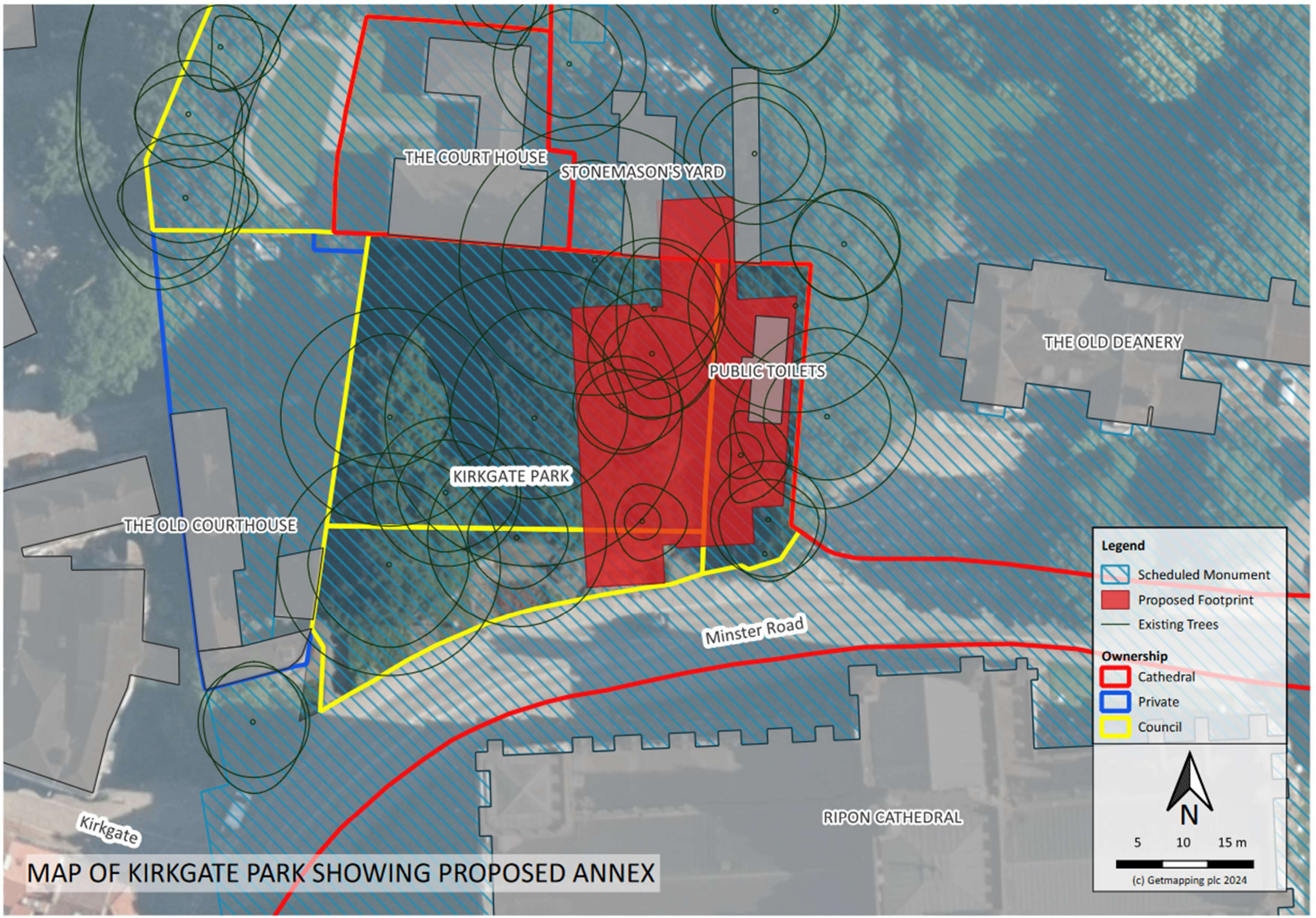


MAP OF KIRKGATE PARK SHOWING PROPOSED ANNEX

THE OWNERSHIP OF KIRKGATE PARK – Q&A

Q 1. Does an organisation or an individual need to own land to apply for permission to build on it?

A: No: but the applicant is required to inform the Landowner(s) of an intention to apply and to complete Certificate B on the application form confirming this.

Q 2. Who now owns Kirkgate Park (also known as Courthouse Gardens, and Minster Gardens)?

A: North Yorkshire Council, as successor body to Harrogate Borough Council.

Q 3. Has North Yorkshire Council taken a decision to dispose of its asset (Kirkgate Park) to permit the construction of a new building for the Cathedral there?

A: 'No decision has been taken' (letter from Richard Flinton, *Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council, to Ripon Civic Society 4 May 2023)*

Q 4. If a decision has not been taken, what is the Council's intention in relation to the assets if planning permission is given?

A: 'Consideration of the future ownership of the assets is on hold pending the consideration of the planning application' *(letter from Richard Flinton, Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council, to Ripon Civic Society 4 May 2023)*

Q 5. Was there any agreement between Harrogate Borough Council and Ripon Cathedral as to the sale or transfer of the above assets from the Council to the Cathedral or to any other party?

A: There is [was] no agreement between Harrogate Borough Council and Ripon Cathedral or any other party for the sale or transfer of this asset. *(email to Ripon Civic Society from Lydia Stones, Technical Supervisor, Improvement, Development and Support, Place-shaping and Economic Growth, Harrogate Borough Council, 17 February 2023)*

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