**UoY Student Centre**

**Role of the proposed Student Centre**

The University of York is a world class institution, focused on creating an environment of excellence in which all students, staff and researchers can thrive.

The new Student Centre project is proposed to meet the needs of all students, creating a vibrant new home and energetic social centre on campus.

"The student centre will reflect the energy and excitement of a place in which a diverse range of people come together to socialise, collaborate, gain support and aspire to achieve excellence."

The new Student Centre is located on Campus West, using land to the south of University Road and the library footbridge. The proposed building will overlook an area of open space known as University Square and create a new and significant ‘front door’ to the University, enhancing the sense of arrival and creating a new social and cultural heart of the campus.

**From Town to Gown**

The introduction of the Student Centre to campus West will strengthen the relationship between the City Centre and the University by providing a front door for visitors when they arrive on site. It will act as a local landmark, to aid in navigation of the campus and provide a central hub.

The design of the building also takes inspiration from York and it’s historic character, as detailed on the following sheets.

**Library to Lake**

A strong driving force for the project was the strengthening of the relationship between the library and the lake, utilising the Student Centre as a node in between the two prominent campus landmarks.

As it stands, there are numerous existing, and in some cases disused, buildings which clutter this key route across the site. We propose to use the Student Centre, and it’s surrounding landscape, as an opportunity to open up this space.

The existing bridge which connects the library across University Road is to be extended to enter the Student Centre at first floor level, allowing it to be used as a stopping point on route to the lake. Direct access from the bridge into the new University Gardens to the west of the building will also be available.