

Grade-I listed building bought by York developer behind 250,000 sq ft mixed use city plan

York property developer Helmsley Group has bought a Grade I-listed city centre building as its regeneration plans for its home patch continue.

Cumberland House, which dates back to the Georgian era, has been acquired from county law firm Hague & Dixon in an undisclosed deal. The 119-year-old firm has moved its York office to The Mount from the 7,500 sq ft building, which overlooks the River Ouse.

Prospective new occupiers are now being sought, with doors to be opened this weekend as part of the city's York Unlocked festival. The inaugural event will invite participants to uncover hidden gems within the city and aims to raise public awareness and appreciation of architecture and the built environment of York.

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Cumberland House is one of [a number of acquisitions made by Helmsley in this area of the city](#), with the developer having recently unveiled its ambitious vision for the regeneration of Coney Street and its adjacent riverside.

Max Reeves, development director at Helmsley Group, said: "Cumberland House forms part of our programme of strategic acquisitions across this area of the city. As outlined in our vision for Coney Street Riverside, we're committed to striking the delicate balance between transformation and heritage

protection when it comes to development within York, as a means of further enhancing the city's unique and historic character.

"We're looking forward to being involved with York Unlocked and, in opening up access to this stunning building, prompting appreciation of York's heritage and urban landscape."

Kathy King, founder and project lead at York Unlocked, added: "It's an honour for us to have Helmsley Group involved in York Unlocked. As a developer committed to enhancing central York's urban landscape, while also sensitively preserving its heritage, Helmsley's ethos aligns perfectly with our own. Cumberland House is a wonderful addition to the York Unlocked programme for 2022 and we're excited to be able to showcase this unique heritage asset to York visitors and residents alike."

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