

Heritage Statement

Site name	Shire Horse Stables (retrospective application)
Location:	Cannon Hall Farm, Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 4AT NGR: SE 27477 08424
Scope:	This report is indented to assess the heritage impact following the construction of four new shire horse stables and the proposal for a fifth for use by cattle in the south-east section of Cannon Hall Farm (Appendix I.1). The farm is located 120m northeast of Cannon Hall, a Grade II* listed building (NHLE 1001159) in Cawthorne, Barnsley. The farm is within the north parkland laid out between 1760-65 and are designated as being Grade II (NHLE 1151805) on the Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens. This document has been prepared following consideration of guidance issued by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, NPPF (revised 2018), and the preliminary findings presented in a detailed Heritage Statement previously prepared for Cannon Hall (issued in March 2018, The JESSOP Consultancy Report No.TJC2018.23) and following a site visit.
Historical summary:	Cannon Hall has its origins as a manor and farmstead that was sold to Robert Hartley for £2,900 in 1650. A few years later it was purchased by John Spencer, who developed the site. Between 1765-1785 over £30,000 was spent on making major improvements to the Hall by the architect John Carr. Two single-storey wings were added on the ends of the old Hall. The rooms in the central section were re-modeled in 1778 and the second stories to the two wings added in 1803-4. Final major additions to the house came in the late 19th century, including the ballroom which was finished in 1891 and the Kitchens and Servants Quarters. The house was purchased from the Spencer Stanhope family by the County Borough of Barnsley in 1951, following which it was opened as a museum in 1957. The hall underwent restoration in 1965.

Landscape Setting

The surviving historic landscape that surrounds Cannon Hall was a design by Richard Woods, a prominent landscape designer from the second half of the 18th Century (see **Appendices 1.3, 1.4**). The design created a pleasure ground to the south of the Hall, which was defined by a ha ha along the southern and northern boundaries (**Appendix 2.6**).

The site of Cannon Hall Farm is located to the south and east of the formal setting to Hall (**Appendix 1.1**), falling within once was once part of the wider parkland. To the south of the Hall is a large enclosed walled kitchen garden and an adjacent stable courtyard, which form the north-west boundary to the farm.

To the south of the walled garden is the route of a former access road leading up to the Hall (**Appendix 1.4**), which still retains a formal gateway with stone piers and iron gates (**Appendix 2.5**).

The south-eastern part of the farm has a rural character with enclosed pastures with timber post and rail fencing (**Appendix 2.1**) and partial views out into the surrounding countryside to the north and east (**Appendix 2.6**). There are no views of Cannon Hall, the walled kitchen gardens, or stable yard from this secluded part of the farm (see **Appendices 2.1, 2.3**).

Shire Horse Stables:

A group of four timber framed open fronted stables (**Appendix 2.3**) have been constructed adjacent to the former access road around the south-eastern boundary to Cannon Hall (**Figure 2; Appendix 2.4**). Whilst these structures are a modern design (**Appendix 2.2**) their form has been sensitively designed to respect traditional forms of stabling using traditional construction techniques.

Each stable is set upon a shallow concrete pad. In addition to the four stables already constructed there is a proposal to build a fifth stable of similar proportions and materials for use by cattle (see **Appendix 1.2**).

Justification for new stabling provision (after Design & Access Statement)

The changes are needed to improve the existing agricultural operations of the site and are intended to complement the existing buildings on the farm. The additional of oak frame Stables would add significant attraction to the

Farm and would allow the Farm to expand its Visitor numbers and enhance the successful Leisure Facilities for the Barnsley Area.

In addition, Shire Horses are considered to be a breed which is in decline and are proven to be very popular additions.

Impact of proposed development:

The location of the proposed alterations are within existing areas of the farm that have already been adapted from an open parkland landscape into a series of paddocks. This has been necessary to maintain the daily operation of the farm for animal husbandry and still reflects the historic land use as pasture.

The construction of the stables does represent a new introduction to the wider landscape surrounding Cannon Hall and its walled gardens (both designated heritage assets).

No historic vistas have been identified that are significant in-relation to the location of the stables, with the Hall and walled gardens being originally hidden behind a shelter belt along the north-eastern edge to pleasure grounds (see **Appendix 1.4**). The remnants of this planting survive as a mature shelter belt/shrubbery, including numerous trees as evidenced to the rear of the stables in **Appendix 2.3**.

The former entrance road along the north-eastern boundary of the pleasure grounds is no-longer maintained as a means of access along this part of the site (**Appendix 2.4**) which has diminished its historic presence, however the survival of a formal gateway (**Appendix 2.5**) does provide clear evidence for its former location and route. The proximity of the stables to the gateway does constitute a degree of harm to its setting. This is however considered to be acceptable as the lightweight nature of construction is easily reversible, and there is no physical impact upon gate or gate piers and thus their historic integrity is maintained, having no impact upon their heritage significance

Conclusion:

It is concluded that the impact of the construction of the stables has a negligible impact upon the existing visual appearance of the designated heritage assets that constitute the Grade II* Listed Cannon Hall, or the adjacent walled kitchen gardens.

There is a slight impact to the setting of the former access road and gateway, however this no-longer functions as a means of access and there is no physical impact upon the surviving historic fabric, as such the stables are considered

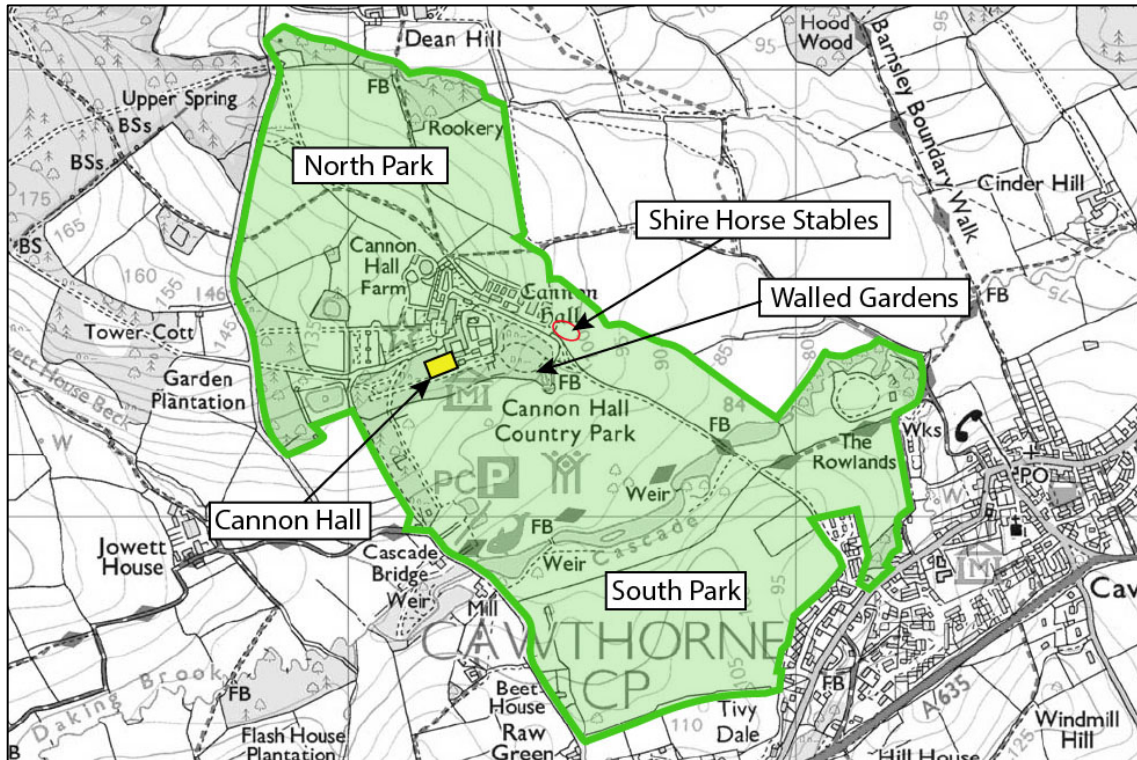
to be acceptable additions to this secluded section of the former designed landscape setting to Cannon Hall.

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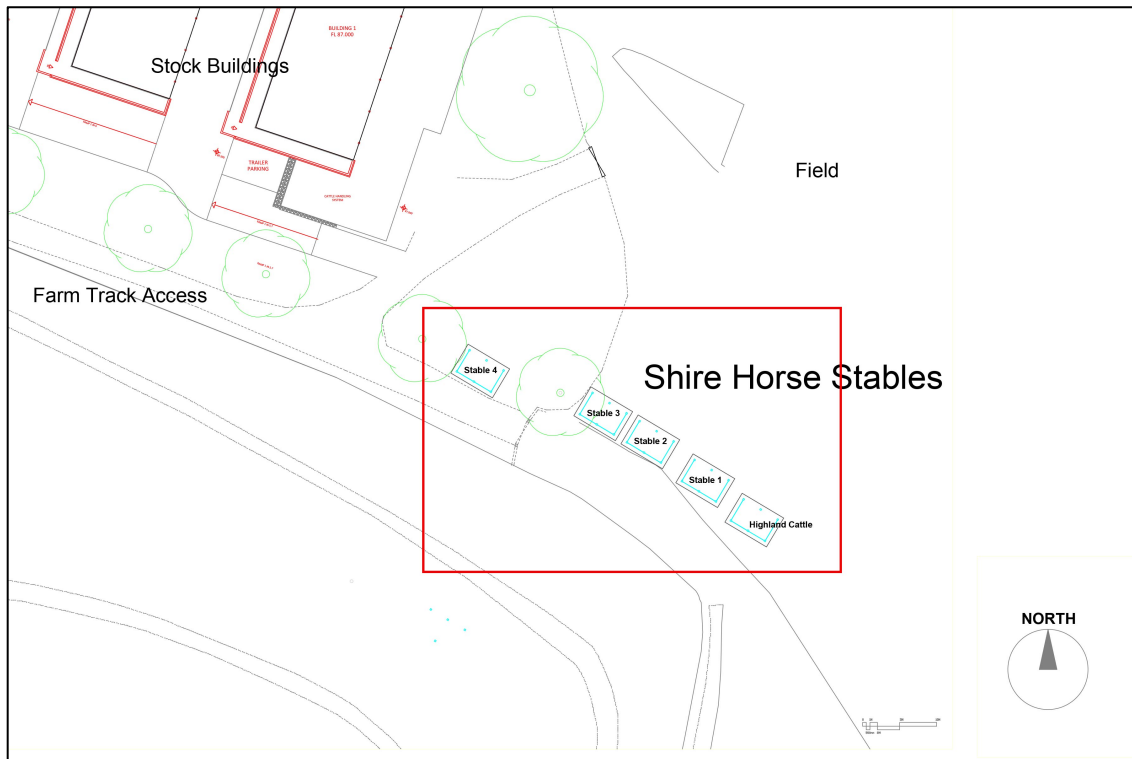
Appendix I

Site layout



Appendix I.1 – Site location plan with designations (Registered parkland in green)

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Appendix I.2 – Layout plan of stables (after WA Architects LLP)



Appendix I.3 – 1760 plan by Richardson (site marked in red)



Appendix I.4 – 1770 Plan by Richard Woods (site marked in red)

Appendix 2

Photographs

Appendix 2.1:

General view looking south-west across outer paddocks towards stables and Cannon Hall



Appendix 2.2:

Detail of shire horse stables on concrete base



Appendix 2.3:

General view of shire horse stables following installation



Appendix 2.4:

General view looking east
along former access
roadway into the parkland



Appendix 2.5:

Detail of parkland gateway
to former access roadway to
the south of the stables



Appendix 2.6:

View of ha ha and estate
boundary wall to the east of
the site

