

HERITAGE STATEMENT: PROPOSED RETAIL FOODSTORE
ON LAND AT MARKET STREET,
HOYLAND, SOUTH YORKSHIRE

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Allen Archaeology Limited (hereafter AAL) was commissioned by Mascot Management on behalf of Litton Properties Limited, to prepare a heritage statement to support a planning application for the construction of a retail foodstore (Use Class a1) with associated access, servicing, car parking and landscaping on land at Market Street, Hoyland, South Yorkshire.

2.0 Site Location and Description

- 2.1 Hoyland is situated approximately 6km south-south-east of central Barnsley, in the administrative district of South Yorkshire. The proposed development area is on the northern edge of the town, south of Wombwell Road and west of Market Street. It is centred on NGR SE 3707 0119, and was formerly occupied by a school.
- 2.2 The local geology consists of bedrock geology of Pennine Middle Coal Measures, with no superficial geology recorded (<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/opengeoscience/home.html?Accordion1=1#maps>).

3.0 Methodology

- 3.1 This document was prepared with reference to readily available online databases of archaeological sites and find spots, such as the South Yorkshire Sites and Monuments Record (SYSMR) (via the Heritage Gateway website), the National Monuments Record (NMR) website (PastScape), and the Archaeology Data Service (ADS), including the online database of grey literature reports. Secondary sources pertaining to the archaeology and history of the region in Allen Archaeology's own reference library were also consulted. The search was based on a study area of 500m from the site in all directions.

4.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 4.1 No evidence was recorded for archaeological activity of prehistoric, Romano-British or Anglo-Saxon activity in the vicinity of the site. The place name Hoyland is however of Old English origin, meaning 'land on a hill, spur' (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~aezins//index.php>), which indicates some form of settlement activity in the wider landscape during the Anglo-Saxon period.
- 4.2 Hoyland appears in the Domesday Survey of 1086 as '*Hoiland*', and was under the ownership of Roger de Bully and William de Warenne. Both estates are recorded as consisting entirely of woodland pasture at the time, although the land of Roger de Bully is recorded as waste following the Conquest (Williams and Martin 2002). This suggests a heavily wooded landscape persisted into the medieval period.
- 4.3 Clearance of the woodland pasture may have occurred during the medieval period, as several archaeological interventions nearby have recorded ridge and furrow earthworks, indicative of medieval and later arable agriculture. For example, seven evaluation trenches excavated off Market Street c.300m to the south-south-east, recorded only ploughed out ridge and furrow, and the foundations of an 18th century stone wall (AOC 2000). Geophysical survey and evaluation undertaken in advance of the construction of the Dearne Towns Link Road, c.600m to the north-west also recorded evidence for ridge and furrow, as well as a number of undated linear features (South Yorkshire Sites and Monuments Record Reference 04532/01).

- 4.4 Historic map evidence suggests that the site was open agricultural land from at least the mid 19th century, until it was developed as playing fields in the 1950s, with school buildings being developed across the site from the 1960s onwards.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The evidence gathered in the preparation of this document suggests that the archaeological potential of the proposed development area is **low** and of **local** significance only. There is no evidence for any archaeological activity of any date within the site boundaries and there was no evidence within the study area predating the medieval period. A number of investigations within the study area have identified evidence for medieval ridge and furrow ploughing. This suggests that the site lay outside any areas of settlement until it was developed as playing fields and a school in the later 20th century.
- 5.2 The use of the site as a school and playing fields is likely to have had some impact upon the potential archaeological resource. As Figure 2 shows however, the former school buildings were generally situated in the western portion of the site, in the area of proposed car parking, and only partially overlap the proposed location of the foodstore towards the south-eastern edge of the site, where the impact of recent development is likely to be significantly less.

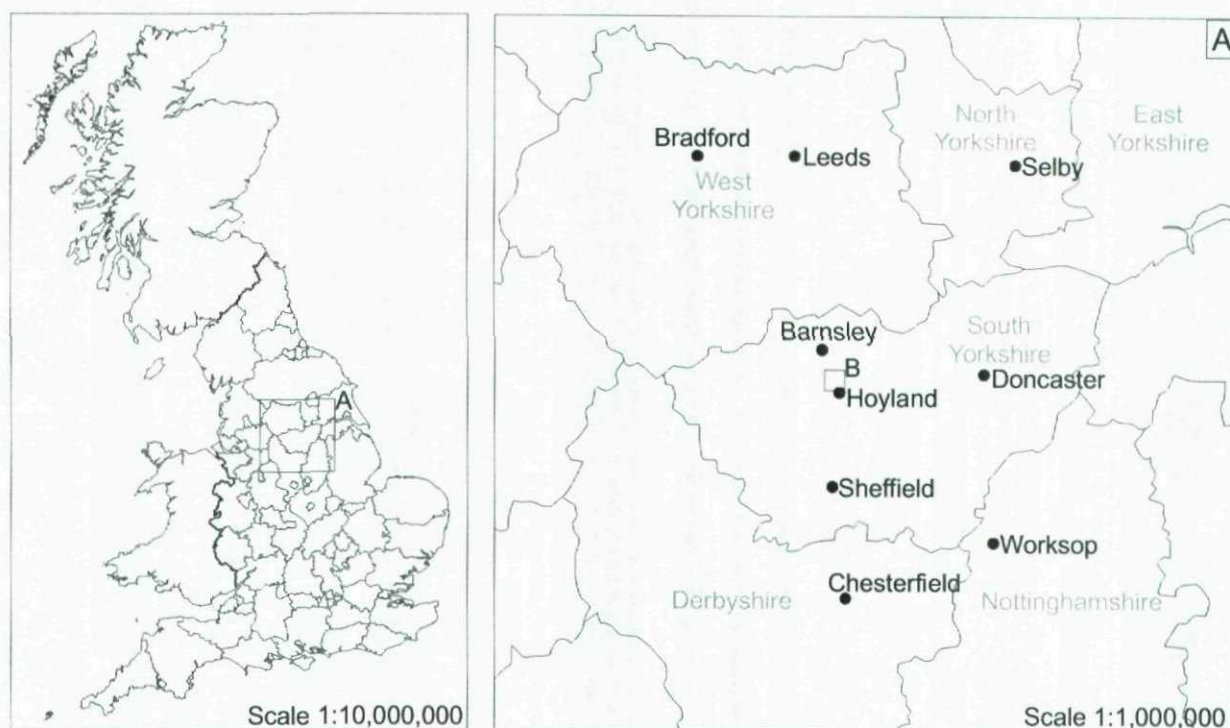
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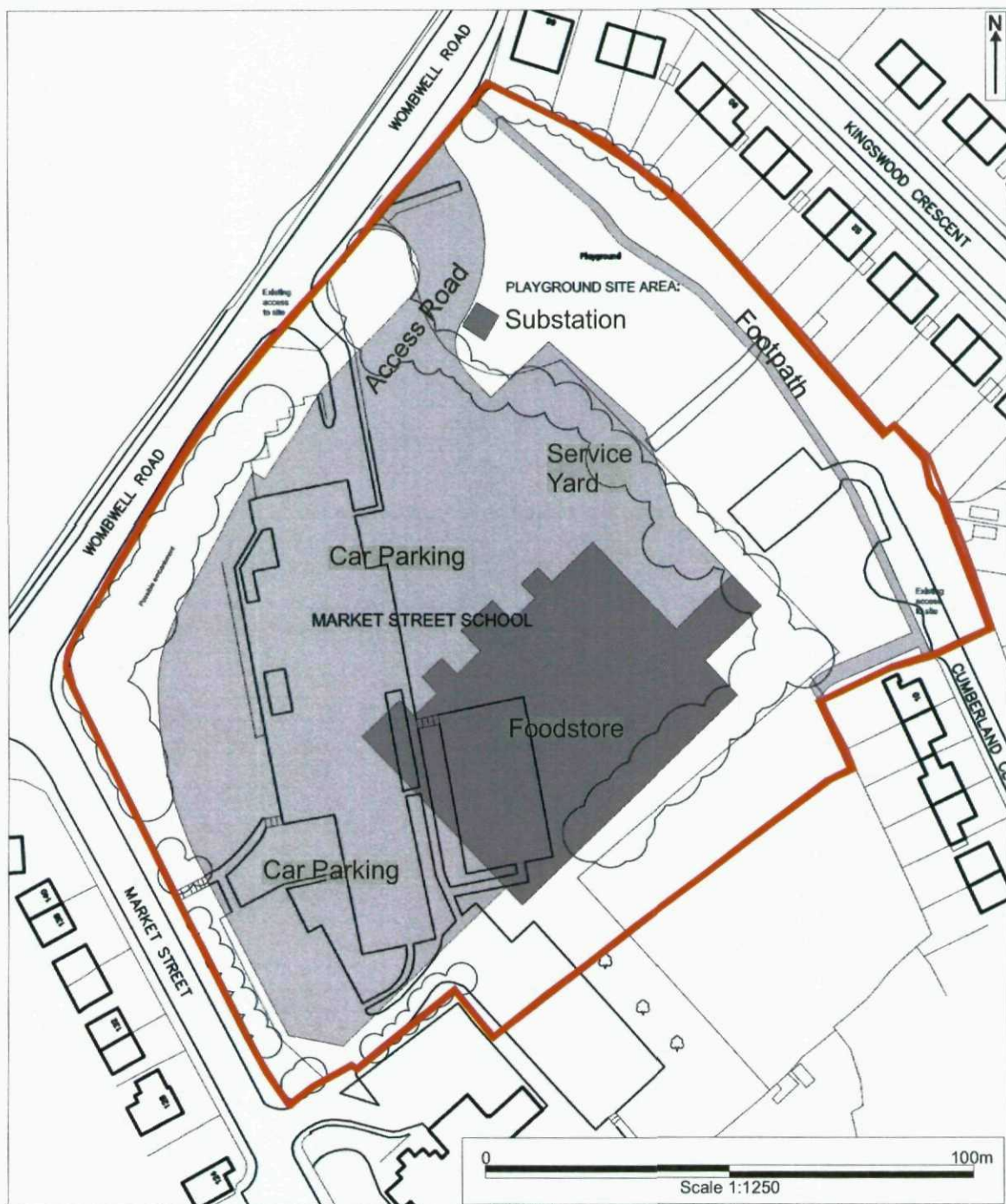


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