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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Archaeology and Heritage Rapid assessment has been undertaken by MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd., under instruction Keepmoat Homes, to evaluate the Historical and Archaeological background, and to assess the impact of a proposed residential development on land to the north of Kereforth Road, Dodworth, South Yorkshire (SE 32308 05417).
- 1.2 The site is allocated within the Barnsley Local Plan for residential development (site Reference HS10, site north of Kereforth Road).
- 1.3 Archaeological, Historical and Architectural remains are protected by means of Statutory Instruments; including the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990); and by the National Planning Policy Framework, Chapter 16 (2021).
- 1.4 The work was funded by Keepmoat Homes.
- 1.5 A fuller Archaeology and Heritage Desk Based Assessment with full Historic Environment Record search will be compiled to support the planning application.
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## 2 Site Description and Planning Background

2.1 The site, which measures approximately 7.73ha, is located to the north of Keresforth Road, Dodworth, near Barnsley, and is bounded by the M1 motorway, a tree belt and residential properties (Fig 1).

2.2 The site lies on deposits of the Pennine Middle Coal Measure Formation (BGS. 2021) and currently consists of arable farmland.

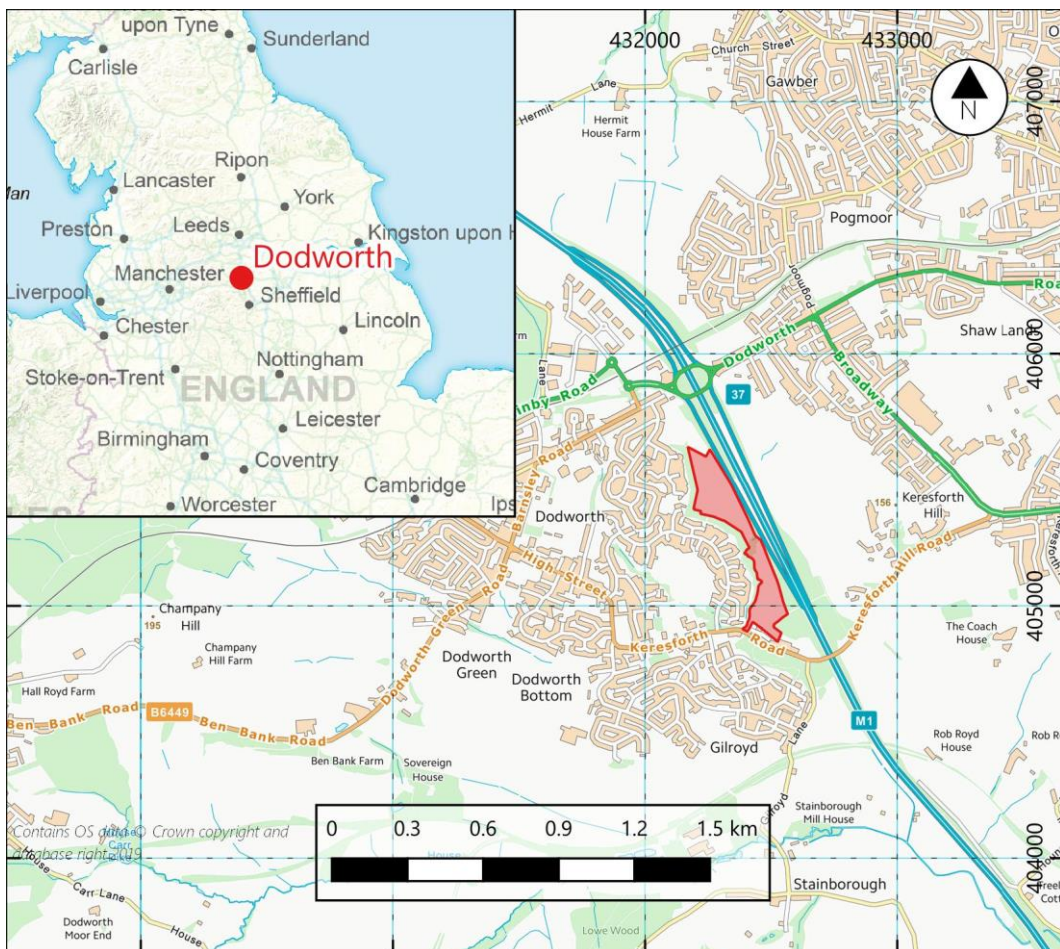


Figure 1. Site Location.

### 3. Brief Archaeological and Historical Background

- 3.1 Evidence of the prehistoric and Romano-British periods is scant within the vicinity of the Proposed Development Area. A singular excavation to the north-west of the site by NAA in 2005 (ESY1289, MSY13110, NAA 2005) revealed features consisting of an enclosure ditch with associated ring of postholes (interpreted as a fence), gullies and a number of pits. No dating evidence was recovered but the report suggested they are of late prehistoric or Romano-British in date.
  - 3.2 Dodworth is recorded in the Domesday Survey of 1086 as *'Dodesuurde'* which was under the control of the de Lacy family and consisted of a small village of three ploughs and an area of woodland (opendomesday. 2021).
  - 3.3 Buildings of potential later medieval origin have been identified within Dodworth and are designated as Listed Buildings (NHLE 1151774 & 1286383) although others have since been demolished (MSY4653, MSY4654).
  - 3.4 A rapid appraisal of the National Library of Scotland mapping shows that the site has been under agricultural regime since at least the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, although internal field boundaries have been removed. Expansion of Barnsley and Dodworth occurred during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
  - 3.5 A Desk Based Assessment was compiled in 2017 in support of a previous application. Geophysical Survey was recommended to aid assessment.
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#### **4. Significance of Heritage Assets**

- 4.1 Three listed buildings are present within 1km of the Proposed Development Area, within the historic core of Dodworth. The western boundary of the proposed development area is dominated by a well-established tree belt and modern residential areas which is likely to restrict views towards or away from the Listed Buildings. The nearest Conservation Area (Wentworth Castle and Stainborough Park) is located a little over 1km south of the Proposed Development Area and will not be impacted by the proposed development.

#### **5. Archaeological Potential and Impact of Development**

- 5.1 Without a full assessment of the Historic Environment Record and a site walkover, it is not possible, at this stage, to assess the archaeological potential of the site in detail although further assessment will be provided to support the application.
- 5.2 The Proposed Development Area has been used for agricultural purposes, and as such undeveloped, since at least the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. There is then, the potential for sub-surface archaeological features and/or deposits to exist, including evidence for Medieval agricultural activity, such as ridge and furrow and early field boundaries depicted on early cartographic sources.
- 5.3 Any development on the site has the potential to severely compromise or destroy any archaeological features or deposits which may be present on the site, particularly during the construction phase of works.
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## 6. Conclusions

- 6.1 It is highly unlikely that the proposed development would result in harm to any designated or non-designated heritage assets including Listed Buildings and the Wentworth Castle and Stainborough Park Conservation Area.
  
  - 6.2 A fuller archaeological and historical desk-based assessment is required (to further assess the archaeological potential of the site. Although the undeveloped nature may increase the potential for features relating to agricultural practices and field boundaries to survive. Potential features relating to late prehistoric and Romano-British activity have also been recorded in the vicinity.
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