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1 Introduction

Archaeological Services WYAS (ASWYAS) was commissioned to undertake an initial map regression and desk-based assessment on land forming part of the A61 Old Mill Lane concentrating on the area around Old Mill Bridge. This initial map regression will be followed by an desk-based assessment to record any heritage assets within a 500m zone around the site, together with an assessment of any potential impacts, in line with the requirements of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF; Chapter 12: ‘Conserving and enhancing the historic environment’, paragraph 128).

As the name suggests, this area was the location of Barnsley Old Mill. The earliest mill recorded here is a corn mill dating from, at least, the 14th century. Evidence suggests that this was dismantled in 1802 and replaced by a flax spinning mill. This was later converted into a steam powered mill (SYAS 2018 pers comm).

The proposed scheme involves road widening and alterations to junctions that will necessitate extensive groundworks.

2 Map Regression

The earliest map of the area is the 1779 Enclosure Map. Although not this map does not show a great deal of detail it does show that the mill is already being described as ‘old’. This map is not illustrated here as it is in poor condition.

The earliest detailed map of the area is the 1852 OS Town Plan, which shows the layout of the ‘old mill’ (Fig. 1). Three of the interventions are likely to fall within the footprint of this linen mill, while those to the north are situated over a watercourse, possibly associated with a mill.

The first edition 6-inch Ordnance Survey (OS) map from 1892-93 shows an expansion of the north-west and a gasometer is now shown to the north-east (Fig. 2).

The OS map published in 1929 shows development has taken place within the mill complex with a possible infilling between buildings to the north-east (Fig. 3).

The OS map published in 1942 map shows no significant change to the mill or its immediate environs (Fig. 4).

3 Conclusions

The 1852 OS Town Plan shows the site was occupied by a linen mill.

As a result these groundworks are likely to encounter subsurface remains of this mill. In accordance with the advice given by SYAS, these GI works should be monitored by an appropriately qualified archaeologist.

