

**Appendix 1 – Extracts from Barnsley Smaller Centres Study  
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4.9 Royston comprises two separate centres, The Wells and Midland Road which are separated by housing. The Wells is a centre located on a main road junction and Midland Road is a linear centre surrounding by residential areas. The proportion of retail units within Royston is equivalent to the national average. There is however a higher than average representation of convenience stores particularly at Midland Road and therefore a lower than average comparison representation overall. Services uses represent 36% of total units, lower than the national average. There is a particular low leisure service representation within the area. The vacancy rate of 21% is considerably higher than the national average.

### ***Wombwell***

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>(c/f UK)</b>
Convenience Comparison	10	9%	9%
Total Retail	47	42%	43%
Vacant Units	8	7%	11%
Services:			
Financial & Business	10	9%	11%
Leisure Services	26	23%	22%
Retail Services	21	19%	13%
Total Services	57	51%	46%
Total Retail and Service	112	100%	100%

4.10 Wombwell's main retail and service offer is located along High Street. The proportion of retail units within the centre is good and slightly above the national average. Convenience shopping in the centre tends to be dominated by discount supermarkets. However, a new Tesco Express store in the former Co-op unit will help to improve the choice of food shopping. The total number of service units is slightly above the national average with a higher than average number of retail services. The vacancy rate of 7% is below the national average.

### **Local Centres**

4.11 The study includes 12 local centres. The relatively small number of retail and service uses in the local centres makes it difficult to make meaningful comparisons with the national average representation of uses gathered from Goad. However it is still useful in providing some form of benchmark to assess the centres.

4.15 The main retail and service provision within Darton is located along Church Street. 40% of total units are retail units, slightly below the national average. Retailing is dominated by comparison goods shops. Service provision is well represented at 52% of total units. There is a particularly higher than average proportion of retail services and lower than average proportion of financial and business services. The vacancy rate in Darton is 8%, below the national average.

***Dodworth***

	Number	Percentage	(c/f UK)
Convenience	3	11%	9%
Comparison	10	37%	34%
<b>Total Retail</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Vacant Units	1	4%	11%
Services:			
Financial & Business	1	4%	11%
Leisure Services	7	26%	22%
Retail Services	5	19%	13%
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Total Retail and Service</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

4.16 The main retail and service provision within Dodworth is located primarily along High Street with a few further units on Barnsley Road including the Budgens supermarket. There is a good proportion of retail units at 48% of total units, above the national average, with a higher representation of both convenience and comparison shops. Service provision represents 48% of total units, comprising a slightly higher than average leisure and retail services offer and a lower than average financial and business service offer. The vacancy rate in Dodworth is well below average at 4%.

***Grimethorpe***

	Number	Percentage	(c/f UK)
Convenience	4	17%	9%
Comparison	7	29%	34%
<b>Total Retail</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Vacant Units	4	17%	11%
Services:			
Financial & Business	0	0%	11%
Leisure Services	7	29%	22%
Retail Services	2	8%	13%
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Total Retail and Service</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

4.40 Overall there has been a small increase in the total number of retail and service uses in Darton since 2003, mostly in comparison goods. Since 2007 there has been very little change.

***Dodworth***

	2003 No. of Units	2007 No. of Units	2010 No. of Units	Overall Change	%
Convenience	4	2	3	-1	-25%
Comparison	8	7	10	+2	25%
All Retail	12	9	13	+1	8%
Vacant	0	3	1	+1	100%
Service	11	9	13	+2	18%
Total Retail & Service	23	21	27	+4	17%

4.41 Overall there has been a small increase in the total number of retail and service uses in Dodworth since 2003 and 2007, in comparison goods and services. Vacancies have declined since 2007.

***Grimethorpe***

	2003 No. of Units	2007 No. of Units	2010 No. of Units	Overall Change	%
Convenience	6	4	4	-2	-33%
Comparison	7	6	7	0	-
All Retail	13	10	11	-2	-15%
Vacant	4	2	4	0	-
Service	6	7	9	+3	50%
Total Retail & Service	23	19	24	+1	4%

4.42 There has been very little change in provision in Grimethorpe since 2003, with a small decrease in convenience retail units and a small increase in services. Since 2007 vacancies have increased slightly.

## **Local Centres**

7.6 The catchment areas of the Local Centres cannot be defined using data from the In-Centre survey. It is conventional to assume that most of the people using a Local Centre will live within 5 minutes walking distance from the centre. This represents a radius of approximately 800 metres. The map in Figure 3 shows the 800 metre catchments for each Local Centre. The catchments are all geographically separate except for a significant overlap between the Houghton Road and Shepherd Lane centres in Thurnscoe and a small overlap between the catchments of Darton and Mapplewell.

7.7 Some information is available on the trade draw to Local Centres from the 2007 household survey for convenience goods shopping. The Local centres to the north of Barnsley – Athersley, Darton and Mapplewell – draw their trade predominantly from Zone 4 (Royston/North). Stairfoot draws its trade predominantly from Zone 1 (Barnsley Central). Dodworth to the west draws its trade both from Zone 1 (Barnsley Central) and Zone 2 (Penistone/West). The group of Local Centres to the east of Barnsley – Bolton upon Dearne, Darfield, Grimethorpe, Lundwood and Thurnscoe – draw almost all of their trade from Zone 5 (Cudworth/Goldthorpe).

7.8 Section 12 discusses the relationships between the District Centres and adjacent Local Centres and the relationships between Barnsley town centre and the six Local Centres that lie on the periphery of the Barnsley urban area.

### Accessibility

8.169 Car parking in Darton centre is good with sufficient parking available for Co-op store customers and a free car park for up to four hours located behind the main retail offer in Church Street.

8.170 The frequency and quality of public transport along with the ranges of places served by public transport is fair with buses around every hour including the 93 and 95 providing access to Barnsley and Mapplewell. The centre is accessible from Gawber, Barugh Green and Kexborough.

8.171 The ease of movement for pedestrians, cyclists and the disabled and ease of access to main attractions are rated as fair with suitable access across Church Street which has moderate levels of traffic and has rather narrow pavements in some places.

### Safety and Security

8.172 The feeling of security within Darton is good with the linear layout making the centre more open and assisting in the appearance of being relatively safe and secure.

### Environmental Quality

8.173 The physical appearance of all retail and commercial properties in Darton has been scored on a 5 point scale. The average score is 3.2 with 44% of properties rated as fair and 40% as good.

8.174 The centre does not have any significant environmental problems such as noise, pollution or litter, and this rated as good. The quality of open spaces/landscaping within the centre is good with visible attempts to improve the public realm with hanging baskets and planting. The close proximity to the park and surrounding countryside also helps the centre's environmental quality. There do not appear to be any public toilets in Darton and therefore this factor is not rated.

### ***Dodworth***

#### Diversity of main town centre uses

8.175 Dodworth is a local centre located in the rural west of the Borough in close proximity to J37 of the M1. The centre is a traditional linear local centre with its retail offer dispersed in close proximity to the central road junction in the settlement. The total number of retail units within the centre represents 48% of total retail and commercial units, compared to the national average of 43%. Service uses represent 48% of units, compared to 46% nationally.

8.176 Overall diversity of centre uses within Dodworth is fair. The number and type of shops available is fair. 11% of retail and commercial units sell convenience goods, compared to 9% nationally. 37% of units sell comparison goods, compared to 34% nationally and is a particularly high in comparison to other local centres in the Borough. The amount of shopping floorspace available is good for a settlement the

nature and size of Dodworth. The supply of offices is also good with a number of professional services offices in the centre and in proximity to the centre.



8.177 The availability of leisure, culture and entertainment activities within the centre is limited and is therefore rated as fair. The availability of pubs, cafes and restaurants is good with two restaurants, a pub and a café. There are no hotels within the centre so this factor is not rated however there are two in close proximity to Dodworth located off the motorway junction.

#### Floorspace outside Centre

8.178 There is a limited availability of retail, leisure and office floorspace outside of the centre that could directly compete with the centre. There is a small neighbourhood centre on the edge of the centre. Overall the availability of floorspace outside centre is rated as good.

#### Capacity for Growth or Change

8.179 The opportunity for the centre to expand or consolidate within Dodworth is rather limited. Overall the capacity for growth or change is rated as poor.

#### Retailer Representation

8.180 Overall retailer representation is fair. There is no non-food multiple retailers within the centre, which is rated as poor. The availability of independent/specialist retailers is good with a wide range including a DIY store, music shop, antiques shop and a jeweller. There is no street market in Dodworth so this factor is not rated. The availability of food shopping is poor within Dodworth with only a Budgens supermarket and a convenience store. Evidence of recent investment by retailers is fair with no retailers recently locating in the centre, but a number of the shop fronts have been kept in an excellent condition. The presence of charity shops in Dodworth is very good as there are no such establishments within the centre.

#### Vacant Properties

8.181 There is only one vacant unit in Dodworth, representing 4% of total retail and commercial units, compared to the national average of 11%. Therefore the vacancy rate and amount of vacant floorspace are rated as good.

### Pedestrian Flows

8.182 Footfall on the day of our visit to Dodworth was moderate and therefore is rated as fair.

### Accessibility

8.183 Car parking within Dodworth is good with a large car park at Budgens, some parking at Apollo Court and some on-street parking in the centre.

8.184 The frequency and quality of public transport and ranges of places served by public transport is fair with buses including the 20 and 21 stopping around every hour providing access to Penistone, Barnsley, Silkstone and Holmfirth. The centre is accessible from surrounding settlements including Gilroyd and Pogmoor.

The ease of movement for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled is fair with sufficient paving available. The passing road is a hazard to an extent however as it appears to carry relatively moderate traffic levels. Ease of access to main attractions is good with suitable access between Budgens, the car park and the rest of High Street.

### Safety and Security

8.185 The feeling of security within the centre was judged to be good firstly due to the openness of the centre and some evidence of CCTV at the larger attractions making the centre appear safe and secure.

### Environmental Quality

8.186 The physical appearance of all retail and commercial properties in Dodworth has been scored on a 5 point scale. The average score is 3.6. There are a number of attractive and historic buildings in Dodworth which have been maintained to a good level. This overall score was achieved by scores of 52% fair, 41% good and 7% very good.

8.187 There appear to be no significant environmental problems in the centre such as noise, litter or pollution so this factor was rated as good. The quality of open spaces and landscaping is rated as good with the open space in front of the library and Budgens attractively landscaped. There do not appear to be any public toilets available in the centre so this factor is not rated.

### *Grimethorpe*

#### Diversity of Main Town Centre Uses

8.188 Grimethorpe is a small local centre located to the north east of Barnsley. The main retail and commercial offer is located mainly along the northern side of High Street with further provision at the Acorn Centre to the west of High Street and at the eastern end of High Street on Queensway adjacent to the Grimethorpe Interchange. The total number of retail units within the centre represents 46% of total retail and

### *Dodworth*

8.304 The 2003 report describes Dodworth as an attractive and vibrant centre, with a diverse range of goods and services on offer to its local community – some of which would more often be found in a district centre. Despite lacking the size of convenience store/supermarket present elsewhere, Dodworth performed its role as a local centre well.

8.305 In our assessment the overall vitality and viability index in Dodworth is 3.5. This is a better than average score. Dodworth's main strengths are the amount of shopping floorspace; the supply of offices; availability of pubs, cafes and restaurants; lack of leisure, retail and office floorspace outside centre; variety of independent/specialist shops; lack of charity shops; low vacancy rate and amount of vacant floorspace; the short length of time key sites have remained undeveloped; car parking; ease of access to main attractions; feeling of security; physical appearance of properties and quality of open spaces/landscaping. Its main weaknesses are the lack of opportunities for the centre to expand or consolidate and the lack of non-food multiple retailers.

### *Grimethorpe*

8.306 The 2003 report comments that Grimethorpe has clearly declined as a retail centre, despite recent development, and remains vulnerable to even greater decline. But there are some positive aspects and, whilst clearly not thriving, it still performed that role for its immediate community and should continue to do so.

8.307 In our assessment the overall vitality and viability index in Grimethorpe is 3.0. This is an average score. Grimethorpe's main strengths are the opportunity for the centre to expand or consolidate; availability of public transport and ease of access to main attractions. Its main weaknesses are the lack of leisure, cultural and entertainment activities; lack of pubs, cafes and restaurants; lack of multiple retailers and the high vacancy rate and amount of vacant floorspace.

### *Hoyland Common*

8.308 The 2003 report considers Hoyland Common to be an attractive and vibrant centre, with a diverse range of goods and services on offer to its local community. It performed as a local centre and, given the relatively small-scale convenience offer and the proximity to Hoyland, it should continue to perform that role in the future.

8.309 In our assessment the overall vitality and viability index in Hoyland Common is 3.0. This is an average score. Hoyland Common's main strengths are the amount of shopping floorspace; the opportunities for the centre to expand or consolidate; the variety of specialist or independent shops; lack of charity shops; the feeling of security and availability of public transport. Its main weaknesses are the lack of pubs, cafes and restaurants; lack of food shopping; high vacancy rate and amount of vacant floorspace; lack of car parking; difficulty of movement for pedestrians, cyclists and the disabled and difficulty of movement to main attractions.

<b>Place Quality Assessment - Dodworth</b>	
<b>Analytical Critique of Place</b>	
	<b>Score *</b>
<p><b>Distinctiveness of Settlement:</b> Dodworth is located within the western part of the main built-up urban area and forms a typically linear centre with a range of attractive buildings from a long period of history. There is now little evidence of its coal mining past with Dodworth becoming an increasingly attractive village to commuters due to its setting and proximity to infrastructure including the M1.</p>	4
<p><b>Settlement Specific Context (Outlook and Surroundings):</b> Rural outlook on to surrounding countryside with a large number of trees which were planted to cover the now invisible 'muck' stack left from the areas coal mining past. Surroundings appear mainly rural due to location and relatively small scale nature of settlement.</p>	4
<p><b>Approaches and Gateways:</b> Approaches are relatively rural, however the increasing expansion around the motorway junction including hotels and Dodworth Business Park are prominent. No real stand out gateways in entrance to Dodworth.</p>	4
<p><b>Heart and Vitality:</b> Budgens Supermarket as anchor and its location forms the heart of settlement. High levels of footfall and use increase vitality levels within the area. Dispersed layout reduces vitality.</p>	3
<p><b>Urban Grain, Legibility and Permeability:</b> Layout of urban grain makes the centre legible. Road causes a slight hindrance to permeability although traffic levels are low.</p>	3
<p><b>Evolution of Place (Physical Quality and Mix of Architectural Styles):</b> New Apollo Court complex juxtaposes excellently with existing buildings. A range of building styles as buildings have been developed over the centuries are attractive and the majority in good condition. A number of the buildings on High Street were built as weavers cottages and a particularly attractive building is 13-25 High Street with its decorative exposed beams.</p>	4
<p><b>Infrastructure (Community Facilities, Retail Offer and Public Transport):</b> Sufficient retail offer to fulfill role as local centre with a good comparison offer but perhaps a poor convenience offer. Good range of community facilities within proximity to centre for a local centre. Sufficient public transport and is excellently located for access by car to the wider area.</p>	4
<p><b>Leisure, Tourism and Amenity:</b> Number of restaurants for a settlement of its size. In close proximity to tourist attractions including Wentworth Castle Garden, Cawthorne Jubilee Museum and Cannon Hall Museum. Dodworth is located on one of the entrances to Southern Pennines.</p>	4
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<p><b>Summary - Place Quality Assessment</b> Dodworth forms part of the main built up urban area is a linear centre which possesses a number of attractive buildings and benefits from excellent road access, which has been utilised by recent developments Performs an important local retail and service centre role within the main urban area, whilst retaining a rural outlook in terms of distinctive views and vistas of the surrounding countryside Dodworth is an expanding settlement which appears to be making the most of its location and most desirable assets.</p>	



### Dodworth

11.16 Dodworth achieves a place quality rating of 3.8. Dodworth is an attractive settlement and has the equal highest place quality rating for a Local Centre in the Borough. Dodworth has a number of positively distinctive features: Dodworth benefits from a diverse setting which combines its location in the main urban area with a rural outlook and feel that has been significantly enhanced by the planting of woodland carried out since mining ceased in the area; Dodworth is located on one of the gateways to the Southern Pennines and the attractive market towns of Penistone and Holmfirth; Dodworth is in close proximity to a number of the Boroughs tourist attractions including Cannon Hall Museum and the Trans-Pennine Trail; It has a number of attractive historic buildings around the local centre including the former weavers cottages and the newer development such as Apollo Court compliment the existing; excellent proximity to transport infrastructure including J37 of the M1, A628 and a train station. The areas where Dodworth can become more distinctive include making more of a feature of the gateways to the centre although the prominent new business park and hotel development announces arrival at present. The potential of a memorial on High Street to remember miners of the area would bring a feature to the centre and ensure that Dodworth's past and heritage is not forgotten. Overall it is evident that Dodworth has a number of distinctive features and which judging by the amount of recent development is making it an increasingly attractive settlement to businesses and commuters to locate. There are areas where its distinctiveness can be enhanced and it is important that as Dodworth expands the characteristics that make it distinctive are protected and enhanced.

### ***Royston***

12.9 The household survey shows that Royston is used mostly for top-up food shopping, principally at the Co-op, The Wells and Netto, Midland Road. The In-Centre survey shows these stores have a greater role for top-up rather than main food shopping. Royston is not used to any significant extent for comparison goods shopping. Most residents of the Royston area visit Barnsley town centre, Wakefield and Meadowhall for comparison goods. There are no Local Centres within the catchment area of Royston. The Royston In-Street survey shows that very few people interviewed in Royston use the nearest Local Centres of Athersley and Mapplewell for top-up food shopping.

### ***Wombwell***

12.10 The household survey shows that Wombwell has a relatively minor role for convenience goods shopping. In 2007 it has a small Co-op supermarket. The In-Centre survey shows that most main food shopping by local residents is done at Morrisons, Cortonwood and Tesco, Wombwell Lane. Most top-up food shopping is done in Wombwell but some shoppers interviewed also visit Stairfoot and Darfield for top-up food shopping. Stairfoot has an Aldi store and Darfield has a small Co-op convenience store. The role of Wombwell for convenience goods should increase following the opening of Tesco Express in the High Street. Wombwell has a relatively small turnover in comparison goods compared to the other District Centres. Most of the comparison spending by local residents goes to Barnsley town centre, Cortonwood and Meadowhall.

### **Local Centres and Barnsley Town Centre**

12.11 To explore the relationships between Barnsley town centre and the Local Centres which lie on the periphery of the Barnsley urban area, we have made a closer inspection of the household survey data on shopping patterns. The data from the In-Centre surveys is only for the District Centres and so is not applicable to this analysis.

12.12 Athersley, Darton and Mapplewell Local Centres are located to the north of the Barnsley urban area in Zone 4, Royston/North. Most convenience goods expenditure by residents of this area goes to Asda at Old Mill Lane and to a lesser extent Morrisons in the town centre. 75% of convenience trade in these three local centres is drawn from Zone 4 but it represents only 5% of total convenience spending from Zone 4. The role of these centres is predominantly in top-up food shopping. All three centres have a Co-op supermarket. They serve localised catchment areas around the northern edge of Barnsley town. None of these centres has any identifiable role for comparison goods shopping, which is dominated by Barnsley town centre.

12.13 Dodworth Local Centre is located to the west of Barnsley on the western side of the M1 motorway. It is located in Zone 2, Penistone/West, but residents of Dodworth look mostly towards Barnsley for shopping. There is a small amount of main food shopping in the Budgens supermarket but most convenience goods expenditure by residents of this area goes to Morrisons and Asda in Barnsley. Most of the convenience

trade in Dodworth is drawn from Zone 2 and the remainder is drawn from Zone 1, Barnsley Central. The role of the centre is predominantly in top-up food shopping and it serves a fairly localised catchment area in the settlement of Dodworth. The surrounding rural area is sparsely populated. Dodworth does not have an identifiable role for comparison goods shopping, which is dominated by Barnsley town centre and to a lesser extent Meadowhall.

12.14 Lundwood and Stairfoot Local Centres are located to the east of the Barnsley urban area. Lundwood is on the edge of Zone 5 and Stairfoot is just within Zone 1. Convenience shopping in Lundwood is dominated by Netto and in Stairfoot by Aldi. Most convenience goods expenditure by residents of this area goes to Asda and Morrisons in Barnsley. The role of these centres is predominantly in top-up food shopping. They serve localised catchment areas, meeting the need for day to day top-up shopping and they benefit from attracting passing trade on main routes into Barnsley town centre. Neither centre has any identifiable role for comparison goods shopping, which is dominated by Barnsley town centre, in close proximity to the west.

#### **Adequacy of Local Centre Provision**

12.15 The distribution of District and Local Centres shown in Figure 3 represents a fairly full geographical coverage of Barnsley Borough. In the north the elevation in status of Royston to a District Centre should enable the centre to expand to provide a better retail offer for residents of Royston. The Local Centres of Athersley, Darton and Mapplewell adequately cover the local shopping needs of the residential areas to the north of Barnsley. All are anchored by Co-op supermarkets and have a localised role for convenience goods shopping which complements the role of larger foodstores in Barnsley and Barnsley town centre.

12.16 In the east of the Borough, the District Centres of Cudworth and Goldthorpe provide key retail and other services for these larger settlements. Cudworth also meets the shopping needs of the neighbouring settlements of Grimethorpe and Shafton but Grimethorpe is also an important Local Centre with a modern Netto store. Lundwood Local Centre is located close to Cudworth and also has a Netto store. Cudworth and Goldthorpe Local Centres and the Local Centres of Grimethorpe and Lundwood adequately cover the local shopping needs of the residential areas to the east of Barnsley

12.17 In the Dearne Valley area Goldthorpe has a significant role as a District Centre and local shopping needs are met by the Local Centres of Bolton upon Dearne and Thurnscoe Houghton Road and Shepherd Lane. Goldthorpe is undergoing regeneration and there are plans for a new supermarket in the town centre, together with an extension of the existing Netto store. Houghton Road provides a good range of local shopping facilities. Shepherd Lane is more limited but there is planning approval for a new supermarket. Bolton upon Dearne is a small centre but is anchored by a Co-op supermarket. These centres adequately cover the local shopping needs of the residential areas to the south east of Barnsley and there are no gaps in provision.

1. **Expand** – centres which have the potential to physically expand outside of their existing boundaries.
2. **Intensify** – centres where sites have been identified within the existing boundaries which have the potential to be redeveloped or reconfigured in order to intensify the level of current town centre uses.
3. **Rationalise** – where existing changes have already taken place to decrease the size of the centre. The boundary should be reduced to reflect these changes.
4. **Consolidate** – centres which have no potential for physical expansion, and other constraints mean that intensification is unlikely to be achievable. They are proposed to continue as they are presently.

13.8 It should be noted that we do not consider that any centres in Barnsley Borough which should be 'rationalised'. In our view there are no declining centres in the Borough.

13.9 On the basis of this classification we recommend the following classification of centres.

**District Centres**

Cudworth	INTENSIFY
Goldthorpe	INTENSIFY
Hoyland	INTENSIFY
Penistone	EXPAND/INTENSIFY *
Royston	EXPAND
Wombwell	INTENSIFY

**Local Centres**

Athersley	CONSOLIDATE
Bolton upon Dearne	CONSOLIDATE
Darfield	EXPAND
Darton	CONSOLIDATE
Dodworth	CONSOLIDATE
Grimethorpe	INTENSIFY
Hoyland Common	CONSOLIDATE
Lundwood	CONSOLIDATE
Mapplewell	CONSOLIDATE
Stairfoot	CONSOLIDATE
Thurnscoe Houghton Road	CONSOLIDATE
Thurnscoe Shepherd Lane	INTENSIFY


\* NB. The potential for expansion in Penistone has already taken place with the recent Tesco supermarket development. There is further potential for intensification.

Centre	<b>Dodworth</b>
Existing Provision	The main retail and service provision within Dodworth is located primarily along High Street with a few further units on Barnsley Road including the Budgens supermarket. There is a good proportion of retail units at 48% of total units, above the national average, with a higher representation of both convenience and comparison shops. Service provision represents 48% of total units, comprising a slightly higher than average leisure and retail services offer and a lower than average financial and business service offer. The vacancy rate in Dodworth is well below average at 4%.
Extracts from the Core Strategy	Dodworth has been the focus for significant strategic growth in the past, both for housing and employment uses because of its accessibility to the national motorway network and proximity to the urban area of Barnsley.
Vitality & Viability 3.5	The overall vitality and viability index in Dodworth is 3.5. This is a better than average score. Dodworth's main strengths are the amount of shopping floorspace; the supply of offices; availability of pubs, cafes and restaurants; lack of leisure, retail and office floorspace outside centre; variety of independent/specialist shops; lack of charity shops; low vacancy rate and amount of vacant floorspace; length of time key sites have remained undeveloped; car parking; ease of access to main attractions; feeling of security; physical appearance of properties and quality of open spaces/landscaping. Its main weaknesses are the lack of opportunities for the centre to expand or consolidate and the lack of non-food multiple retailers.
Place Quality Assessment 3.8	Dodworth achieves a place quality rating of 3.8. Dodworth is an attractive settlement and has the equal highest place quality rating for a Local Centre in the Borough. Dodworth has a number of positively distinctive features: Dodworth benefits from a diverse setting which combines its location in the main urban area with a rural outlook and feel that has been significantly enhanced by the planting of woodland carried out since mining ceased in the area; Dodworth is located on one of the gateways to the Southern Pennines and the attractive market towns of Penistone and Holmfirth; Dodworth is in close proximity to a number of the Boroughs tourist attractions including Cannon Hall Museum and the Trans-Pennine Trail; It has a number of attractive historic buildings around the local centre including the former weavers cottages and the newer development such as Apollo Court compliment the existing; excellent proximity to transport infrastructure including J37 of the M1, A628 and a train station. The areas where Dodworth can become more distinctive include making more of a feature of the gateways to the centre although the prominent new business park and hotel development announces arrival at present. The potential of a memorial on High Street to remember miners of the area would bring a feature to the centre and ensure that Dodworth's past and heritage is not forgotten. Overall it is evident that Dodworth has a number of distinctive features and which judging by the amount of recent development is making it an increasingly attractive settlement to

	businesses and commuters to locate. There are areas where its distinctiveness can be enhanced and it is important that as Dodworth expands the characteristics that make it distinctive are protected and enhanced.
Classification of Centre	CONSOLIDATE



Scale 1: .Sc

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Project: RETAIL SMALL CENTRES

Drawing: DODWORTH

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