

Worsbrough Mill – Grain Storage container - Design, Access and Heritage Statement

Background

Worsbrough Mill complex sits in National Grid Reference: SE 346 035 Worsbrough Mill and Country Park (WMCP) is located 2.5 km south of the centre of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, lying 0.5 kilometres southwest to the town of Worsbrough. The Park is situated on the main A61 Sheffield to Barnsley Road and less than 3 miles from Junction 36 of the M1 motorway at Tankersley and is open to the public all year round, with a museum, café and learning areas for schools the general public and partners.

The 17th century Worsbrough Mill building is located at the 'heart' of the Worsbrough Mill and Country Park. It is Grade II* listed on the National Heritage List for England and is the only historic working water mill in South Yorkshire, making it a regionally important heritage site.

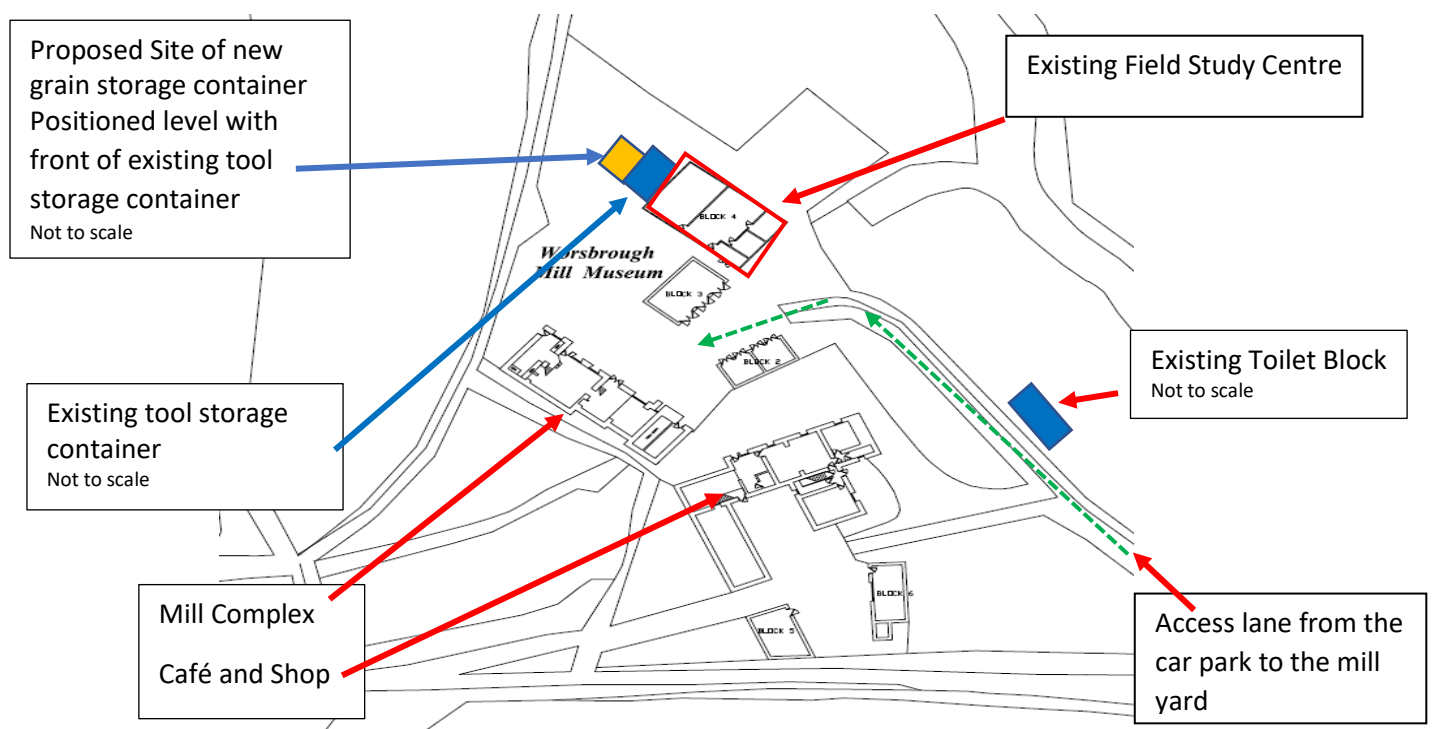
The Mill building and its machinery was Grade II* listed in 1966 with Historic England (number 1151044) as an early 17th century corn mill. Two other buildings, the Mill Cottage and a bridge some 60m to the north of the mill, are also Grade II listed on the National Heritage List for England.

The grain used by the mill needs to be stored in a dry, rodent-proof environment which is easily accessible from the mill. Grain will be delivered by HGV into the cobbled mill yard and then manually transferred into the proposed container. Transferring 1 tonne of grain into the container takes two people approximately 30 minutes. The alternative, transferring the delivered grain from the mill yard to the current grain storage within the mill, is a time-consuming and labour-intensive process which takes four people approximately four hours.

When the mill is operation, sacks of grain will then be taken from this container into the mill and milled to produce flour. A day's milling uses between 12 and 14 sacks.

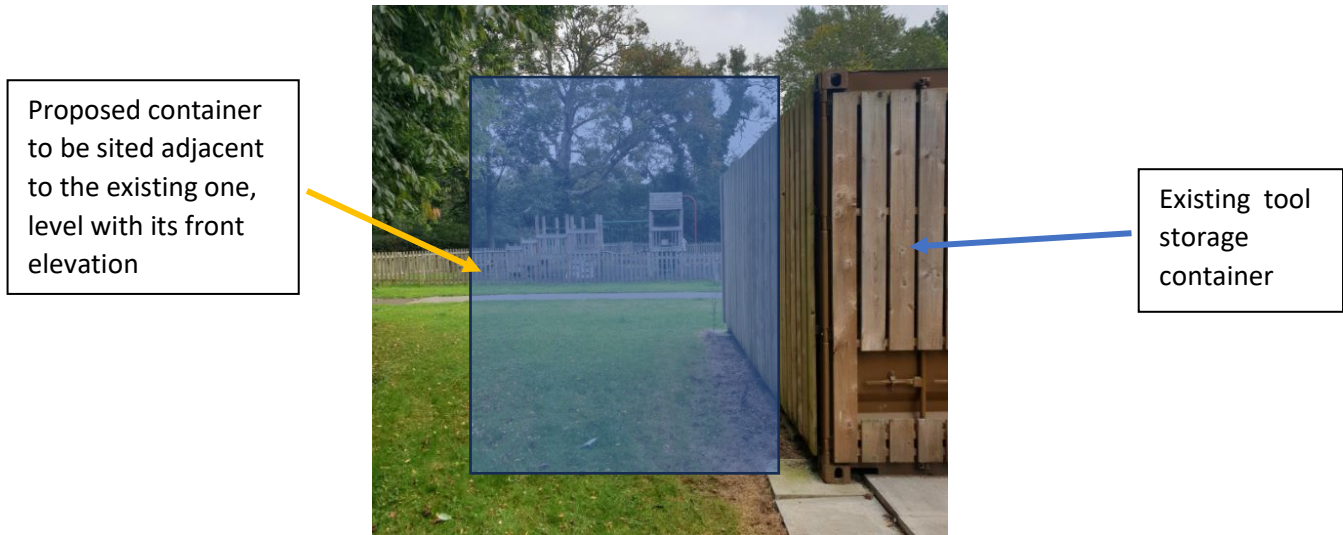
The proposal is to place a grain storage container, one fit for purpose and sited on a hardcore base the same size as the footprint of the container, adjacent to the existing tool storage container. It is to be clad in similar material to that container and will blend into the landscape. It will be located away from the Mill complex and its cobbled yard.

Site Location



The proposed new container will be 2.54m wide and 4.56m long made of metal and clad in Rustic Spruce, the choice of materials is following advice for the Senior Conservation Officer, the cladding material is similar to that shown in the photo below to the right.

Location of new container – will be as shown in the photograph below, next to the existing tool storage container.



Access - to the new container will be the same as to the existing container, i.e. from the Mill yard, following the access track. It will be used by pedestrians depositing and collecting grain used in the day-to-day operation of the mill. There will be no washings or storage of debris or waste and no deliveries by HGVs made to or from this container as grain deliveries are offloaded onto the cobbled mill yard.

Pedestrian access will be along an already existing path.

Fire Statement - There will be no electricity or water supply to the container, it will not be used for cooking or heating, it will be used for storage and only used in the day.

Heritage Statement - Consultation has taken place with Anthony Wiles Senior Conservation Officer, there is no intention to change or alter the fabric of any buildings or the environment around them, no landscaping, or alterations to paving or entranceways are proposed.

Biodiversity – there is no intention to alter the landscape or remove trees or hedging.