

Worsbrough Mill – Storage container & existing Toilet Block- 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 area is also designated a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and has high biodiversity value, needing specialist management and maintenance. Areas are used by Wigfield Farm Horticultural and Agricultural college, the site is managed and maintained by Museum Services, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and is supported by partner organisations and volunteers.

The site needs specialist machinery and tools used by staff and volunteers, some of which have been stored in an old shipping container which is in poor condition and not fit for purpose.



Existing Container placed near the hedge and public footpath

This old container is located next to the public right of way and is not in keeping with the landscape character of the area and detracts from the setting.

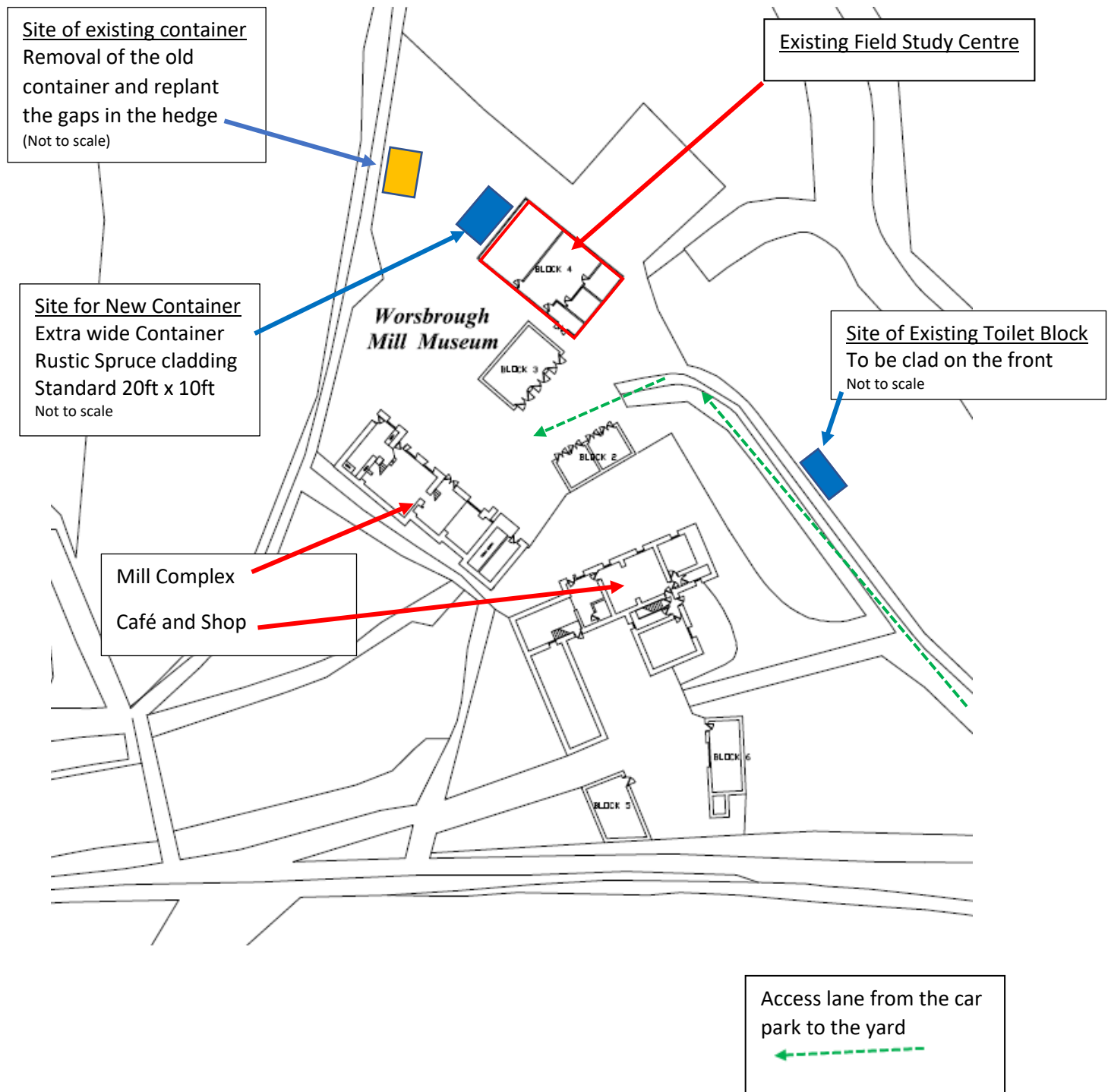
The proposal is to remove this container and replace it for a larger one, fit for purpose in a new location, to be sat on a hardcore base to the footprint of the container, it is to be clad in similar material as the Field Study Centre building, the new location sits next to the Field Study Centre and will blend into the landscape better, located out of visibility of the Mill complex, and away from the cobbled yard area.

The existing public toilet block is located on the access lane in full view of the Mill complex, it is a prefabricated service building fronted by a small hedge and partially obscured by high wooden fencing and detracts from the setting of the Mill.

The proposal is to clad the front of the toilet block to match the new container

All details are below:

Site Location



The Proposed new container will be 10 foot wide and 20 foot long made of metal and clad in Rustic Spruce, the choice of materials is following advice for the Senior Conservation Office, the cladding material is similar to that shown in the photo below to the right.



The size and scale of the container is as below, but clad in rustic spruce and sat on a hardcore base.

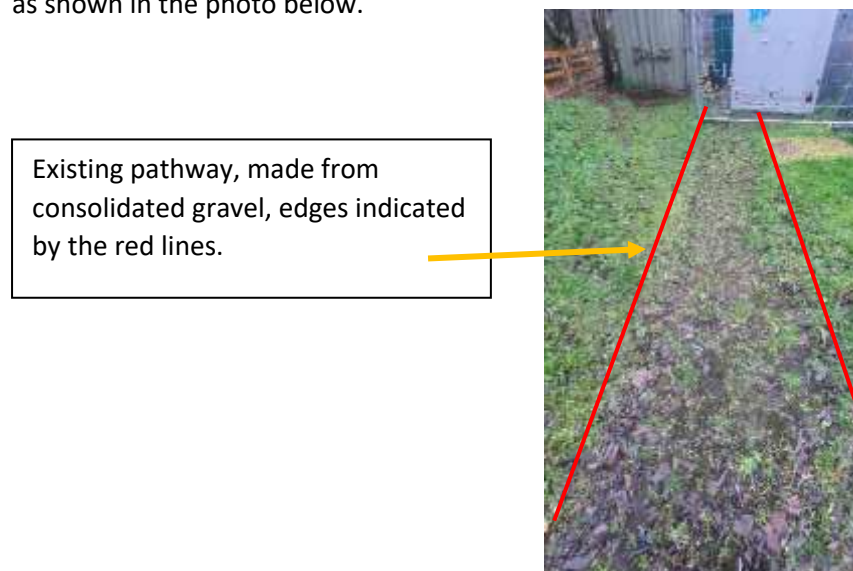


Location of new container – will be as shown in the photograph below, the old green container on the left will be removed, the temporary container to the right (currently being used for building works on the reservoir) will be replaced by the new clad container.



Access - to the new container will be the same as to the old container from the Mill yard, following the access track and mainly used by pedestrians depositing and collecting tools and machinery used in the day to day maintenance of the site, there will be no washings or storage of debris or waste, there will be no deliveries from HGV's made to or from this container.

It will be pedestrian access only using an already existing path, which will be cleaned ready for use, as shown in the photo below.



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.

Existing Toilet Block

The existing public toilet block is located adjacent to the access track and opposite the Mill complex and detracts from the setting of the Mill, the proposal is to clad the front of this building to match the proposed container, in the style similar to that shown in the photo to the right.



Existing toilet block



Proposed style of cladding

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, we believe moving the container location reduces the harm of the setting and is in a less prominent position.

Cladding the existing toilet block reduces the visual impact on the landscape, the proposal to clad horizontal rather than vertical

Biodiversity – there is no intention to alter the landscape or remove trees or hedging, we intend to plant native hedging in any gaps to thicken the hedge next to the green container once it is removed.