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North Yorkshire County Council has commissioned Jacobs to undertake a cultural heritage constraints study for a proposed Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) adjacent to Gladstone Road Junior School, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, located at National Grid Reference TA032883 (Figure 1). The purpose of this report is to identify, as far as possible by the methodology below, any known or potential sites of cultural heritage interest which may constrain this development.

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2.1 Sources of Information

A study area was defined as a 100m buffer from the proposed MUGA scheme boundary. For this area, the following sources of information were consulted:

- *National Monuments Record , maintained by English Heritage for information on Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens and Historic Battlefields (NMR);*
- *North Yorkshire Historic Environment Record (HER);*
- *Scarborough Borough Council planning website for information on Conservation Areas;*
- *Historic Ordnance Survey mapping obtained through Envirocheck;*
- *Published material held in the library of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society;*
- *Other readily available online sources; and*
- *A site visit undertaken 03/09/2009.*

2.2 Assessment of Sensitivity

An assessment of the degree of sensitivity to change of each cultural heritage receptor within the study area was made on a five-point scale of Very High, High, Medium, Low and Negligible, according to the criteria given in Table 1 below.

Sensitivity	Criteria
Very High	World Heritage Sites Other sites of acknowledged international importance.
High	Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs), Registered Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields Grade I, II* or II Listed Buildings; Site is proposed for Scheduling or Listing; and Site is not Scheduled or Listed, but meets the Secretary of State's non-statutory criteria for scheduling or criteria set out in PPG16 or Circular 01/2007. In general, these sites will be rare and in outstanding condition.
Medium	Site is a Grade II Listed Building; Grade II Registered Parks and Gardens; Site is a non-statutory archaeological site or standing structure that contributes significantly to the Cultural Heritage resource of the local area or, to a lesser extent, the county as a whole; and, Site is of low sensitivity, but has wider value as part of a group of sites.
Low	Site is a non-statutory archaeological site or standing structure that contributes to the Cultural Heritage of the parish/local area.

Negligible	Site is a non-statutory archaeological site with no surviving remains. Site is an undesignated standing structure which makes a limited contribution to the Cultural Heritage resource of the local area or has been subject to significant alteration/demolition.
Unknown	The sensitivity of the site cannot be ascertained.

Table 1 - Criteria to Assess Sensitivity – Archaeology and Historic Buildings

From the sources listed above, four sites of cultural heritage interest were identified within the study area. These are listed in Table 2 below and shown on Figure 1. Photographs of each site are presented in Appendix B.

Site No.	Site Name	National Grid Ref	NMR No.
1	Former Scarborough and Whitby Railway	TA0319588336	NMR 29693
2	Gladstone Road Primary School	TA0328088340	N/A
3	Rowntree's Furniture Store	TA0325588350	N/A
4	Works Building	TA0323388349	N/A

Table 2 – Sites of Cultural Heritage Interest

There are no World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Registered Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields or Conservation Areas within the study area.

The Proposed MUGA site occupies an area of former hinterland to the west of the historic core of Scarborough. Human occupation in this area from prehistory onwards has been focused towards Castle Hill, where an Iron Age hill fort and Roman signal station are known to have been sited. As the town developed in the medieval period, it grew towards the south and south-west, into the low lying land around what later became the harbour.

On the 1854 Ordnance Survey map, the proposed MUGA site is shown as an open field to the north of the village of Falsgrave.

In 1885, the Scarborough and Whitby Railway (Site 1) was opened to the public. Its construction, together with the expansion of the town, created a large triangular plot of open ground which included the location of the proposed MUGA site (see Figure 2). The railway was closed in 1965 and dismantled.

3.1 Buildings within the Study Area

Gladstone Road Primary School (Site 2) is first shown on the 1893 Ordnance Survey map (see Figure 2). The 1912 map shows that the larger school buildings were extended to the south within its existing plot of land (see Figure 3).

Gladstone Road Primary School today forms a complex of one- and two-storey red brick buildings, comprising a pair of single-storey ranges set to either side of a tall central hall with distinctive glazed roof. The external design of the school is highly decorative and characteristic of its period, employing shaped gables, large windows and finely moulded decorative brickwork.

The site remains in use as a school and has been subject to some modern extension in the course of its continued use.

Rowntrees Furniture Store (Site 3) was purpose-built as a furniture store in the late 19th or early 20th century and is first shown on the 1912 Ordnance survey map (see figure 3).

This is a substantial three-storey building, constructed in red brick with some use of sandstone. The long elevation fronts on to Wooler Street and is 11 bays in length. An arcade of tall arches, articulated in sandstone runs across the ground floor, now filled with modern glazing. The upper storeys are articulated by a moulded string course, with tall paired windows present at first-floor level, and smaller paired windows at second-floor level, interspersed with pairs of full-height windows set within tall gabled bays. A large painted sign can still be seen on the west gable, reading "Rowntrees Furniture Store".

Cartographic evidence suggests that the building was subject to some alteration with the removal of an L-shaped structure to facilitate the construction of the Works Building (Site 4). The subdivision of the structure into three separate buildings is also indicated on the 1928 map (see Figure 4). The building is labelled as a warehouse on the 1967 map and is shown to form part of a single complex with the northern half of the Works Building (Site 4).

The Works Building (Site 4) is a single storey building with a triangular ground plan, first shown on the 1928 Ordnance Survey map (see figure 4) to the west of Rowntrees (Site 3). A basement runs below the structure, however this was not accessible at the time of survey.

The structure is built of red brick with a flat and sloping roof. Available evidence indicates that the building was erected in the 1910s and altered over the following decades for its continued industrial use. The north range was erected in the 1910s. Comprising a single-storey range running east-west, the structure contains a number of smaller rooms against its south elevation, with a workshop to the north. Large I-section joists support the roof of the workshop and may indicate the former presence of upper storeys. Metal-framed hopper windows are retained in the north and south elevations of the range, all with concrete lintels over. A small number of cast iron rainwater heads are present on the exterior.

To the south of this range is a large open shed constructed in two phases. The western part of this structure was erected contemporarily or soon after the north range, as suggested by the similar construction of these two structures. This structure is of brick construction, with blind exterior elevations and a shallow, single slope roof supported on large I-section joists comparable to those in the north range.

The final phase of development occurred in the later 20th century with the rebuilding of substantial sections of the shed walls, the addition of

smaller rolled steel joists to extend the shed roof to the east boundary of the site extension of the structure to abut the Rowntrees Furniture Store.

On a map of 1967 the wall between the north range and the open shed is shown to have formed a partition between a "Joinery Works" (see Figure 5) the western extension of Site 3 to the north and a warehouse to the south. Both parts of this building were taken over by Scott Medical UK Ltd in 1976¹ and both were used as a specialist joinery works. By the time of the 1984 Ordnance Survey map, the building is shown as enclosing all of the remaining open land between Wooler Street and the railway. All subsequent small scale Ordnance Survey maps show the building with the east-west partition in place.

Internally, no evidence is retained of the building's function in the form of fixtures or fittings. Small-scale alterations including the creation of new openings and insertion of ventilation have served to detract from the physical integrity of the building.



Plate 1 – Site 4. East-west partition wall between the north range and the open shed, looking north west © Jacobs 2008

3.2 Potential for Unknown Archaeological Remains

Construction of the former railway (Site 1) and subsequent construction of the works building (Site 4) is likely to have removed any potential unknown archaeological remains within the proposed MUGA scheme boundary.

¹ <http://www.scottmedicaluk.com/> Date accessed 06/09/2008

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The sensitivity of each site identified by this survey has been assessed according to the methodology set out in section 2 and is listed in Table 3 below:

Site No.	Site Name	Sensitivity
1	Former Scarborough and Whitby Railway	Negligible
2	Gladstone Road Primary School	Low
3	Rowntrees Furniture Store	Low
4	Works Building	Negligible

Table 3 – Assessment of Sensitivity

It is likely that any remains associated with the former railway (Site 1) would have been removed during construction of the current play area and its sensitivity is therefore assessed as "Negligible".

Gladstone Road Primary School (Site 2) is not subject to any heritage designations. The building is of characteristic design for its period and function and retains good quality finely moulded brickwork. The school complex forms a distinctive and attractive element within the streetscape, however it has been subject to some alteration for its continued use. The sensitivity of this site has therefore been assessed as "Low".

Rowntrees Furniture Store (Site 3) is an undesignated building. The building survives as an example of large-scale commercial architecture within a predominantly residential area. Of understated design, the building forms a positive element within the streetscape and is therefore assessed to be of "Low" sensitivity.

The Works Building (Site 4) is not recorded by the NMR or HER and is not subject to any heritage designations. Constructed in the 1910s, the form and construction of the building is typical for its period. The integrity of the building's original form has been obscured by alteration and extension, whilst no internal evidence relating to the structure's historic function was visible. Based on this evidence, this building is assessed to be of "Negligible" sensitivity.

The Former Scarborough and Whitby Railway (Site 1) is of "Negligible" sensitivity and is not therefore likely to constrain development within the proposed MUGA scheme boundary.

Gladstone Road Primary School (Site 2) is of "Low" sensitivity. The School buildings lie outside the proposed MUGA scheme boundary and would not be directly impacts on by the proposed development. These buildings should not form a constraint to development.

Rowntrees Furniture Store (Site 3) is of "Low" sensitivity. As an undesignated building outside the proposed scheme boundary, this building is unlikely to form a constraint to development.

The Works Building is assessed to be of negligible sensitivity and is not noted by the NMR or HER. This building is not considered to represent a constraint to development.

The current scheme proposals include demolition of the present works building (Site 4). Available evidence does not suggest this to be a constraint to development and therefore no further work is recommended.

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Appendix A

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Appendix B

Colour Plates



Plate 1: Site 1 - Former Scarborough and Whitby Railway, Looking north by northwest.



Plate 2: Site 2 - Gladstone Road Primary School, north elevation, looking east



Plate 3: Site 2 - Gladstone Road Primary School, south elevation, looking north



Plate 4: Site 3 - Rowntrees Furniture Store, south elevation, looking northeast



Plate 5: Site 3 - Rowntrees Furniture Store, west elevation, looking east

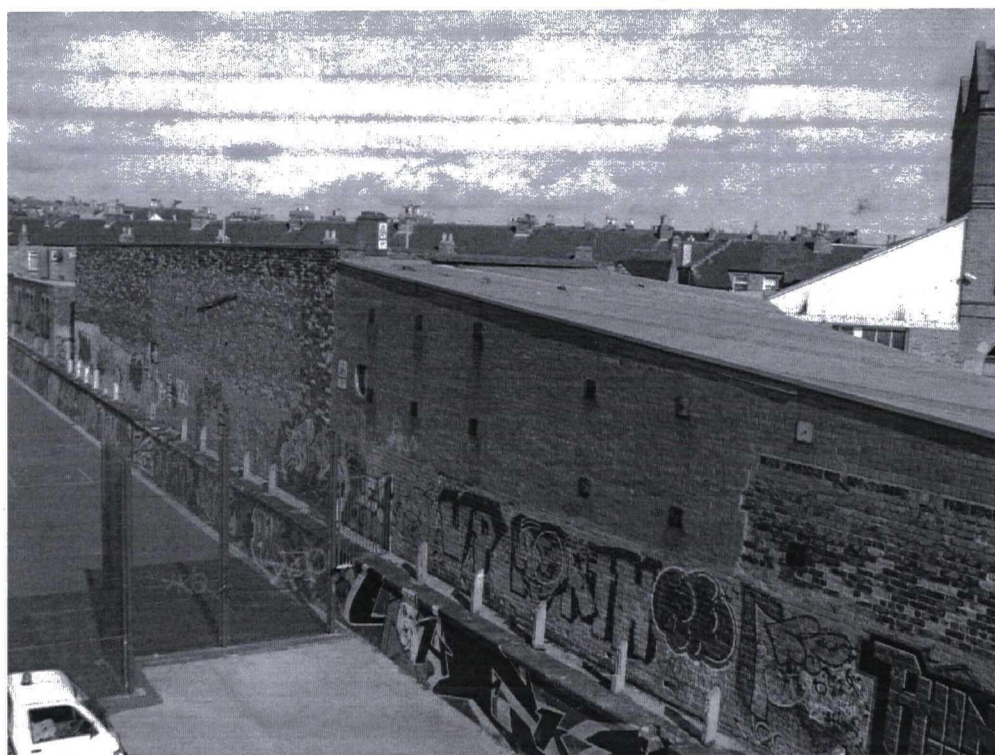


Plate 6: Site 4 – Works Building, west elevation, looking north

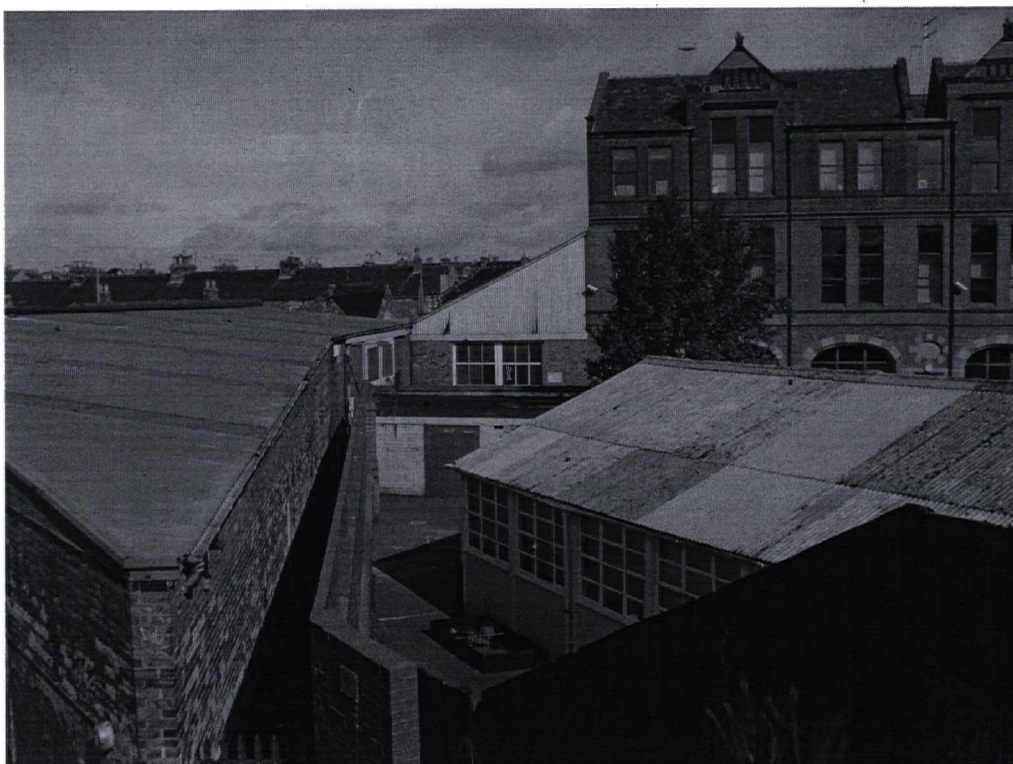


Plate 7: Site 4 – Works Building, east elevation, looking north