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HERITAGE STATEMENT

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BROOKES MILL, ARMITAGE BRIDGE

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This statement has been prepared to accompany the planning and listed building applications in respect of the proposed extension to the existing car park and provision of a footbridge the North East section of Brooke Mill, Armitage Bridge.
- 1.2. This statement draws together information from numerous sources which are acknowledged in the bibliography at the end of the statement.

2. A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BROOKE FAMILY

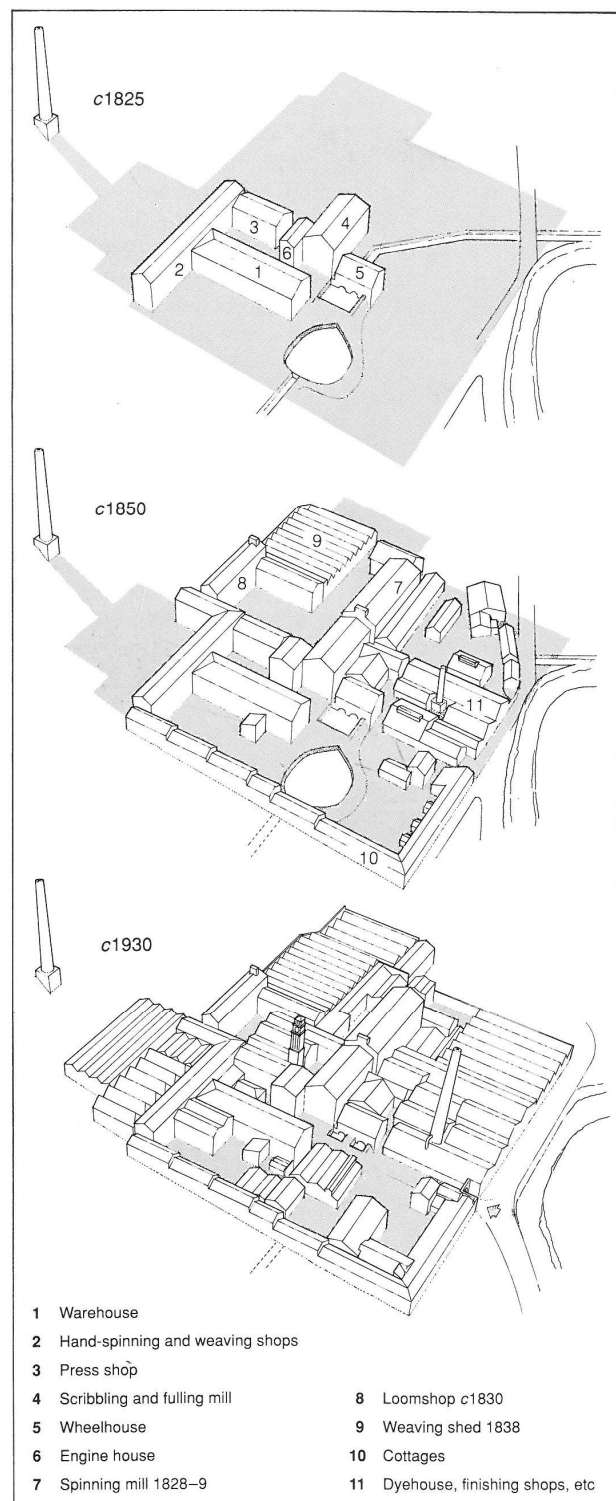
- 2.1. The Company John Brooke and Sons Ltd is believed to be the oldest family business in Britain. It can be traced back to the 1540's when Henry the Eighth was King of England.
- 2.2. Roger Brooke inherited some land at Greenhill Bank, New Mill, in the upper Holme valley. His son John, a yeoman farmer, leased a fulling mill in 1541 at New Mill and then added another at Cartworth Mill. A fulling mill is a water powered mill for finishing hand woven woollen cloth. This is the first record of the Brooke family working with textiles.
- 2.3. In October 1681, the first William Brooke (1636-83) acquired a mill and house. The Court Rolls of the Manor of Wakefield record that William was granted.

"All that New Milne water in a certain place called Millwood, with mill, house, fullery pool and pond then built..."

John Brooke and sons purchased the Armitage Bridge Site in 1798 and founded Brookes Mill

3. BROOKES MILL ARMITAGE BRIDGE: CHRONOLOGY

3.1. In the Huddersfield Area one of the best examples of an integrated woollen type mill is Brookes Mill, Armitage Bridge, in South Crosland Township. The Brooke family, large-scale manufacturers on the putting-out system and with mills in Honley for finishing their cloth, moved to Armitage Bridge in the second decade of the nineteenth century, building a mill complex on a new site and using water power of the River Holme.



3.2. Their accumulated resources and standing in the industry allowed them to build on a large scale.

3.3. Amongst the first buildings on the site were a substantial warehouse, on its own bigger than most public mills; a fireproof scribbling and fulling mill of five storeys and ten bays; and a wheelhouse with two powerful waterwheels.

3.4. The first buildings of the woollen mill included a warehouse (1) a building for hand spinning and handloom weaving (2) and a water- powered scribbling and fulling mill (4- mill 51).

3.5. By 1850 a new mill (7-mill 52) had been added for powered spinning, weaving capacity had been expanded with, first, a new loomshop (8) and then the addition of a shed for power looms (9), finishing buildings (11), including dyehouses, occupied the lower part of the site.

3.6. By c1930 the mill had expanded further and the finishing area had been rebuilt.

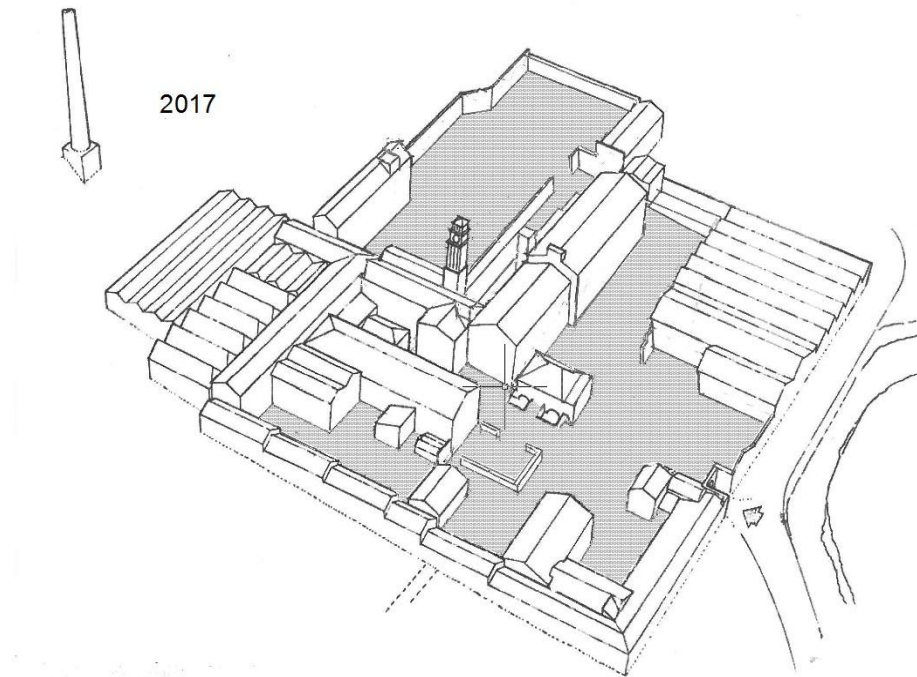
RCHME



3.7. The Grade II listed Warehouse at Armitage Bridge Mills, South Crosland (RCHME) is shown above.

4. BROOKES MILL 2017

- 4.1. The Company has continued to promote a mixed use approach in 2017 and has carried out a programme of repairs and conservation to historically significant buildings with less significant buildings having been removed. The current buildings relative to the RCHME sketches are indicated below.





4.2. The Listed Warehouse highlighted in para 3.7 (1) is occupied as offices.



4.3. The Listed Clock tower has prominence over the whole mill site.



- 4.4. The Scribbling and Fulling Mill 51 of 1820 in the foreground with the bigger and wider Spinning Mill 52 of 1828-29 in the background with the Grade II listed Clock Tower to the above rear of Mill 51.
- 4.5. The single storey wheel house now houses hydro turbines.



- 4.6. The Spinning Mil of 1828-29 in the foreground with the earlier Scribbling Mill of 1820 with the Warehouse and Wheelhouse in the background.

5. EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTORY LISTINGS

BLOCK ON EAST SIDE OF YARD AT ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL

List Entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: BLOCK ON EAST SIDE OF YARD AT ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL

List entry Number: 1134443

Location

BLOCK ON EAST SIDE OF YARD AT ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL, ARMITAGE ROAD

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County:

District: Kirklees

District Type: Metropolitan Authority

Parish:

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

This record has been generated from an "old county number" (OCN) scheduling record. As these are some of our oldest designation records they do not have all the information held electronically that our modernised records contain. Therefore, the original date of scheduling is not available electronically. The date of scheduling may be noted in our paper records, please contact us for further information.

Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

Legacy System Information

The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system.

Legacy System: LBS

UID: 339474

Asset Groupings

This list entry does not comprise part of an Asset Grouping. Asset Groupings are not part of the official record but are added later for information.

List entry Description

Summary of Building

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

ARMITAGE ROAD 1. 5113 Armitage Bridge Block on east side of yard at Armitage Bridge Mill SE 1313 47/126 II 2. Early or mid C19. Hammer-dressed stone. Pitched stone slate roof. 4 storeys. Stone brackets to gutter. 13 window range, 4 in end elevation. Gable has parapet with scrolled consoles at either end, and pediment in centre. (cf Baptist Chapel Milnsbridge). Blocked archway with 3-centred head, rising through ground and 1st floors: plain raised impost band, and pediment over.

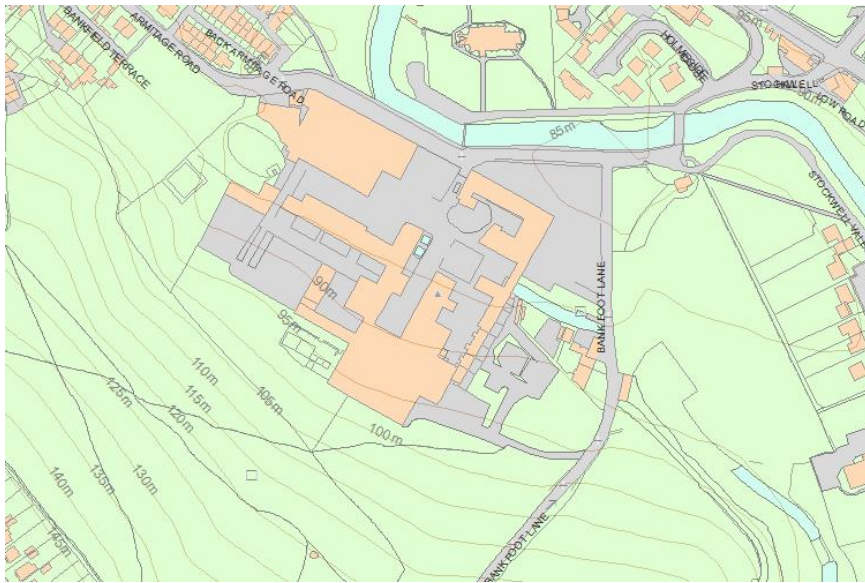
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Selected Sources

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Map



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TOWER AT REAR OF ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL

List Entry Summary

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Name: TOWER AT REAR OF ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL

List entry Number: 1134444

Location

TOWER AT REAR OF ARMITAGE BRIDGE MILL, ARMITAGE ROAD

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County:

District: Kirklees

District Type: Metropolitan Authority

Parish:

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

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Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

ARMITAGE ROAD 1. 5113 Armitage Bridge Tower at rear of SE 1313 47/127 Armitage Bridge Mill II 2. Mid C19. Hammer-dressed stone. Ashlar dressings. Pyramidal lead roof. 4 stages of slightly diminishing size, each surmounted by moulded cornice. 2nd stage is tallest, and has 3 continuous vertical panels, each round-arched and with 2 super imposed slits. Third stage is framed by pilasters and has one clock on each face. Fourth stage has 3 round-arched louvred openings.

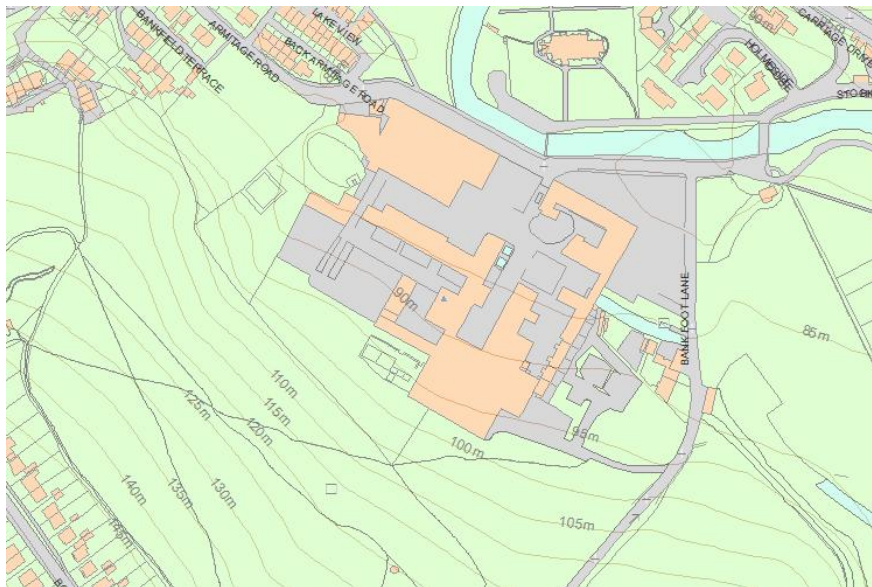
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Selected Sources

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