

Snibston Colliery: Conservation Management Plan

Gazetteer

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| Significance Levels |
| High: Essential component of group, and of wider national significance. |
| Medium: Essential component of group. |
| Low: Not essential to integrity of group. |

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| No Photo | Pithead Baths and Canteen | None | None | 1950s | Brick building, gutted and internally converted to office accommodation. | Showers and property/clothing lockers for the colliery's employees, together with a canteen. | Privately-owned offices | Medium | Not owned by LCC. |
| Railway.jpg | Railway | None | SM 31764 | multi-period | Cleared site of former railway branch line and sidings: no pre-2001 heritage features visible above ground. | Transport of coal from colliery to market by rail; delivery of machinery and materials to colliery by rail. | Heritage Railway (part) | Medium | Part of area now occupied by heritage railway operation, which has introduced structures and large objects that are not necessarily in keeping with the setting of the Site as a preserved colliery. |
| Gantry.jpg | Gantry | V | SM 31764 | 1964 | Structural steelwork. | Bridge taking tub circuit between No 2 Pit Top and Stockyard over Railway. | Display | High | |
| No 1 Pit Top.jpg | No 1 Pit Top | None | SM 31764 | Early 1960s | Raised open area of ground within brick retaining wall, and surrounding or bounded by No 1 Pit Top Buildings, No 1 Headstocks, No 1 Winding Engine House, Water Tank and Cable Shop. Ground surface a mixture of concrete, tarmac, black ash and secondary vegetation. Incorporates sites of <i>Rider</i> , <i>Smokey</i> and <i>Well</i> shafts. | The working area surrounding <i>Rider</i> , <i>Smokey</i> and <i>Well</i> shafts, used by coal, men, materials and vehicles in transit. | Display | Medium | Part or all of area is a Provisional Local Wildlife Site. |

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| No 1 Headstocks.jpg | No 1 Headstocks | H | SM 31764 | 1942, modified 1970s | Structural steelwork. | To support the pulley wheels for <i>Rider</i> and <i>Smokey</i> shafts, and hold the kingbobs for these shafts. Includes air casings for both shafts to provide ventilation containment. | Display | Medium | |
| No 1 Pit Top Building.jpg | No 1 Pit Top Building | H | SM 31764 | Early 1960s, modified 1970s | Single-storey red brick building, with flat cast concrete roof and later partial upper storey in concrete blocks; glass block windows; incorporates three sets of airdoors in timber; concrete floor with tub tracks to <i>Rider</i> shaft. Small switchroom accessed through external doors to left of airdoors. Internally, small windowless cabin for Banksman, with shaft signalling and communication equipment. | Building is part of the ventilation air containment, thus the airdoors. It also provided shelter for the Banksman and those loading and unloading cages. The 1970s partial upper storey served as an emergency-use high-level landing to enable men to leave the cage in the event of an overwind. | Display | Medium | |
| No 1 Winding Engine House.jpg | No 1 Winding Engine House | E | SM 31764 | 1959, incorporating elements of previous 1864 building | Two-storey building, of red brick with sandstone quoins, with a cast-concrete roof. The side and rear walls are from a predecessor building from 1864. The upper level contains an electric winding engine and a control cabin for the winding engineman. The lower level contains control equipment for the main electrical circuit and other plant, including an emergency generator set: it incorporates some vestigial remains of the pre-1883 tub circuit. | The building and its fixed equipment worked the cages in <i>Rider</i> and <i>Smokey</i> shafts. | Display | Medium | |
| Water Tank.jpg | Water Tank | E | SM 31764 | 1864, modified early 1960s | Constructed as an outshot of No 1 Winding Engine House, and not truly a building in its own right. A two-storey structure, the lower level of red brick with blue brick detailing around the original door and window, and with a concrete roof: a single room at lower level. The upper level consists of a water tank of bolted-up cast-iron sections. When the Winding Engine House was rebuilt in 1959, the line of a set of stairs to a door in the south wall of this fouled the door and window to the space below the tank set in its east wall: these were then bricked up and a new door and window inserted into the south wall. | The tank originally served the colliery's steam boilers. The function of the space below is not known, but may be presumed to have been a shelter, messroom or store for use by people working around No 1 Pit Top. | Display | Medium | |

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| Cable Shop.jpg | Cable Shop | D | SM 31764 (part) | 1915, multi-period modifications | Two-storey multi-period building. Lower level consists of various compartments with external doors, one provided with a sink, and two open-fronted compartments for electrical transformers. Upper level mostly red brick, but north wall is later, of brown brick with glass block windows. Internal mess room or office, with lavatory. Door and window in west wall, door in south wall, large double doors in east wall, with lifting beam running into building from external loading bay from lower level. Short tub-circuit, with skidding plates, links building to <i>Rider</i> shaft. Roofed with asbestos cement sheets. | Use when built not known. At some point, became Cable Shop: as such, used for preparation of electrical cables for use, and storage of materials and components involved. | Collections Store | Medium | |
| Silent Fan.jpg | Silent Fan | I | SM 31764 | 1976 | Flat-roofed building of rendered brick, with attached brick and concrete fan drift from <i>Smokey</i> shaft. Internally, has steel air doors controlling access to fan and motor room. | Ventilation of underground workings, by drawing air out of the mine up <i>Smokey</i> shaft and, ultimately, down <i>Stephenson</i> shaft. | Display | Medium | Evidence of past and thus potentially current occupation by bats. |
| Boiler House.jpg | Boiler House | F | None | 1979 | Single storey building; brick half-walls, above which steel cladding sheets for upper walls and roof, on a steel frame. Pedestrian door in north wall; pedestrian and large roller-shutter doors in south wall. | Building previously contained a steam boiler that provided the colliery's domestic heat and hot water. | Display | Medium | |
| Power House.jpg | Power House | G | None | 1915, extended 1950s and again early 1960s | Single-storey building in red brick, with cast-concrete flat roof. Eastern, oldest, section has full-height steel doors in east end, and steel pedestrian door in south-west corner: doors are good examples of work of colliery blacksmiths. This section and centre section (next oldest) have blocked/altered windows in south wall. Centre and west sections have louvred timber doors in south wall. | Incoming electrical supply for the Site. | Electricity Substation | Medium | Still in active use for its original purpose. |

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| No 2 Pit Top.jpg | No 2 Pit Top | V, in part | SM 31764 | early 1960s | A complex, multi-level area and structure surrounding No 2 Pit Top Building. Principal elements are a cast concrete and steel oval tub circuit with a creeper and retarders, and a shelter, of steel clad with asbestos cement sheets, containing the remains of a hopper system for loading tubs with dirt from the Coal Preparation Plant. Provides access to No 2 Winding Engine House and to both sides and both levels of <i>Stephenson</i> shaft. | Designed and built to facilitate the movement of full and empty dannels and dirt tubs in and out of No 2 Pit Top Building and to/from the Stockyard via the Gantry and Incline. | Display | High | |
| No 2 Headstocks.jpg | No 2 Headstocks | L | SM 31764 | 1915, modified 1970s | Structural steelwork. | To support the pulley wheels for <i>Stephenson</i> shaft, and hold its kingbob. | Display | High | North cage is still in place, but has suffered very seriously from corrosion. Condition of winding ropes may be questionable after 25 years. |
| No 2 Pit Top Building.jpg | No 2 Pit Top Building | L | SM 31764 | 1915, extensively modified early 1960s, modified again 1970s | A two-storey, multi-level and multi-period building of red brick under a cast-concrete flat roof, with a later partial third storey in concrete blocks. Contains Banksman's station with communication equipment, and both rams and retarders for use when loading cages. | Upper level provided covered accommodation to house equipment for mechanised loading and unloading of cages, and for Banksman and assistants. Lower level provided covered accommodation for men entering and leaving cages. | Display | High | |
| No 2 Winding Engine House.jpg | No 2 Winding Engine House | K | SM 31764 | 1915, modified early 1960s | Two-storey building, of red brick, with a pitched slate roof. The upper level contains an electric winding engine, a control cabin for the winding engineman, some electrical control equipment and a small mess cabin. Large timber access doors in the south elevation may date from the installation of the present winding engine in 1964. The lower level contains control equipment for the main electrical circuit and other plant, including an emergency generator set: it has two separately-accessed compartments with external doors only, one of which may have originally contained the building's heating boiler. | The building and its fixed equipment worked the cages in <i>Stephenson</i> shaft. | Display | Medium | |

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| Powder Magazine.jpg | Powder Magazine | J | SM 31764 | 1950s | Single-storey red brick building, with cast-concrete roof and steel doors. Constructed with a thick, reinforced, south wall (facing No 2 Pit Top) and a one-brick north wall (facing Ashby Road), to ensure an internal explosion would blow out away from the shaft. | To house explosives and detonators for daily issue. | Display | Medium | |
| Compressor House.jpg | Compressor House | M | SM 31764 | 1915, modified early 1960s | Single-storey building, of red brick, with a cast-concrete roof, containing air compressing plant. | The plant within the building provided the colliery with compressed air. Its modest scale suggests this was only required for use around the surface, not underground. | Display | Medium | |
| Locomotive Shed.jpg | Locomotive Shed | M | None | before 1884, extended by 1903 | Single-storey red brick building, under a pitched slate queenpost roof, with cast-iron windows, large timber double doors in the east end and a timber pedestrian door in the north wall. | Storage and maintenance of the colliery's railway locomotives. | Locomotive Shed | High | |
| Weighbridge.jpg | Weighbridge | R | None | early 1960s | Single storey building of brick, with glazing and timber door, attached to a railway wagon weighbridge. | Provided to weigh railway wagons used for coal transport. Each wagon would be weighed empty, with this weight, its "tare", then being painted onto the vehicle. Each wagon would then be weighed full before leaving the Site, with the tare weight being subtracted from the gross weight to give the weight of coal it contained, for invoicing purposes. | Display | Medium | |

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| Offices.jpg | Offices, Lamproom and Medical Centre | B | None | 1967 | Single-storey and partly two-storey brick building, under a cast-concrete flat roof, with timber windows and doors. | A complex, multi-functional building, built to provide offices for the colliery and the group's management and administrative staff, baths for senior managers, a Time Office and wages issue facility, a Control Room for the colliery's key systems (particularly the Drift and Coal Preparation Plant), a Lamproom for the maintenance and issue of electric and flame safety lamps, and a Medical Centre with first-aid and casualty receiving facilities and a consulting room. | Display (part), Offices (part) | Medium | Parts of the building contain their original décor and often their fixtures and fittings, largely unaltered, and as such are of high significance and should be the subject of a full cataloguing and recording exercise. |
| Roads & Paths North.jpg | Roads & Paths North of Railway | None | SM 31764 (part) | multi-period | A mixture of surfaces: tarmac, cast concrete, consolidated stone and black ash. Some cable ducts present, covered in cast concrete slabs. | Walking routes, vehicle access and in some areas tub circuit, connecting each building and area to every other building and area. | Roads & Paths | Medium | |
| No Photo | Spoil Heap | None | None | multi-period | Small remaining northern section of large pre-1986 Spoil Heap; colliery spoil, covered in unmanaged vegetation: some treeplanting on western face. | Disposal of stone and waste from screens and Coal Preparation Plant. | Not Used | Medium | |
| Surface Haulage.jpg | Surface Haulage | AC | None | early 1960s | Single-storey brick building, with cast-concrete flat roof, containing return wheel for endless-riope haulage and remains of haulage itself and haulage engineman's cabin. | This haulage drove the endless-rope haulage used to convey tubs and dannies between the Stockyard and No 2 Pit Top, used in the movement of materials and machinery for use underground. | Display | High | |
| Incline.jpg | Incline | None | None | early 1960s | Made of colliery spoil, with concrete retaining wall to east; carries twin tracks of tub circuit from Gantry to Stockyard; some remains of steel structures present. Now covered in unmanaged vegetation, particularly birch trees with a bramble understorey. | Part of the route of the Surface Haulage between the Stockyard and No 2 Pit Top. | Not Used | High | |
| Tippler.jpg | Tippler | None | None | probably after late 1970s | Structural steelwork supporting frame: the tippler itself is missing. | A mechanism that would invert a loaded tub over a road vehicle positioned below, for unloading. | Display | Medium | |

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| Stockyard.jpg | Stockyard | None | None | early 1960s | Concrete-surfaced open space, originally laid out in bays served by the tub circuit running between here and both the workshops and No 2 Pit Top; also served by a standard-gauge spur from the Railway. Originally also served by a mobile gantry crane. | This area was used to receive deliveries of, and to stockpile, materials for use underground and on the surface. It was also used to hold items of machinery not currently required for use. Dannies were loaded or unloaded by hand or crane, and then pushed or hauled by a small locomotive to the foot of the Incline to be attached to the Surface Haulage. | Not Used | Medium | Proposed for sale as housing land. |
| Stockyard Electricity Substation.jpg | Stockyard Electricity Substation | AB | None | early 1960s | Single-storey red brick building, with cast-concrete roof and steel door. | To house electrical switchgear and transformers. | Not Used | Low | |
| Joiners Shop.jpg | Joiners' Shop | N | None | 1915 | Single-storey building, of red brick with a pitched slate roof: at the west end, there is a small outshot in similar style. | The workshop for the colliery's joiners. The outshot contained an office, perhaps for the colliery's Engineer. | Museum Workshop | Medium | |
| Nissen Huts 1.jpg | Nissen Hut (West) | T | None | 1940s | Standard Nissen Hut construction: elliptical shape, of corrugated steel sheets bolted to a light steel framework; brick ends, with double doors in south end. | Timber Store for Joiners' Shop. | Museum Workshop | Medium | |
| Nissen Huts 2.jpg | Nissen Hut (East) | S | None | 1940s | Standard Nissen Hut construction, but extended: elliptical shape, of corrugated steel sheets bolted to a light steel framework; brick ends, with double doors in south end: brick extension to east. | Timber Store for Joiners' Shop. | Museum Workshop | Medium | |
| Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Workshop.jpg | Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Workshop | C | None | after 1964 | Single storey building; brick half-walls, above which cladding sheets for upper walls and roof, on a steel frame. Roller-shutter door in west wall. | Workshop with facilities for full range of mechanical and electrical repairs and small-scale manufacturing, servicing the colliery's plant and machinery and making up items as required. | Museum Workshop | Medium | |
| Stores.jpg | Stores | AH | None | 1950s | Single-storey brick building, rendered, with doors and glazing. Pitched roof of asbestos cement sheets. | Storage, issue and management of ordering, deliveries and stockholding of materials, consumables and spare parts. | Collections Store | Medium | |
| No Photo | Old Offices | P | None | before 1967 | Single-storey timber building, with glazing. | Office accommodation. | Collections Store | Low | |

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| Roads & Paths South.jpg | Roads & Paths South of Railway | None | None | multi-period | A mixture of surfaces: tarmac, cast concrete, consolidated stone and black ash. Some cable ducts present, covered in cast concrete slabs. | Walking routes, vehicle access and in some areas tub circuit, connecting each building and area to every other building and area. | Roads & Paths | Medium | Area east of Stores proposed for sale as housing land. |
| | Coal Preparation Plant | None | None | 1964 | Demolished to ground level; site derelict. | Cleaning, grading and loading of coal from Drift. | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |
| | Rexco Plant | None | None | 1964 | Demolished and site re-used as car parking | Manufacture of coal briquettes. | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |
| | Drift | None | None | 1964 | Demolished and site landscaped as part of museum entrance area and car park. | Basic pit top facilities where conveyor carrying output of combined mine came to surface. | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |
| | Main Powder Magazine | None | None | ?1950s | Demolished and site landscaped. | Storage of explosives. | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |
| | Welfare | None | None | 1950s | Demolished; land re-used for private housing. | Social centre and sports facilities for colliery, run by Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO). | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |