

FORMER NIDD VALLEY SAW MILLS, DACRE BANKS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL AND LEISURE USE DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND

The former Nidd Valley Sawmills was put to market in December 2017, when the former owner retired.

It became clear during the marketing of the site that the shortage of wood and prevalence of cheaper furniture being produced outside of the UK, meant that there was no interested buyer in the business who could take over the operation. Similar sawmills have been closing across the country in recent years and this site would not be considered an attractive proposition.

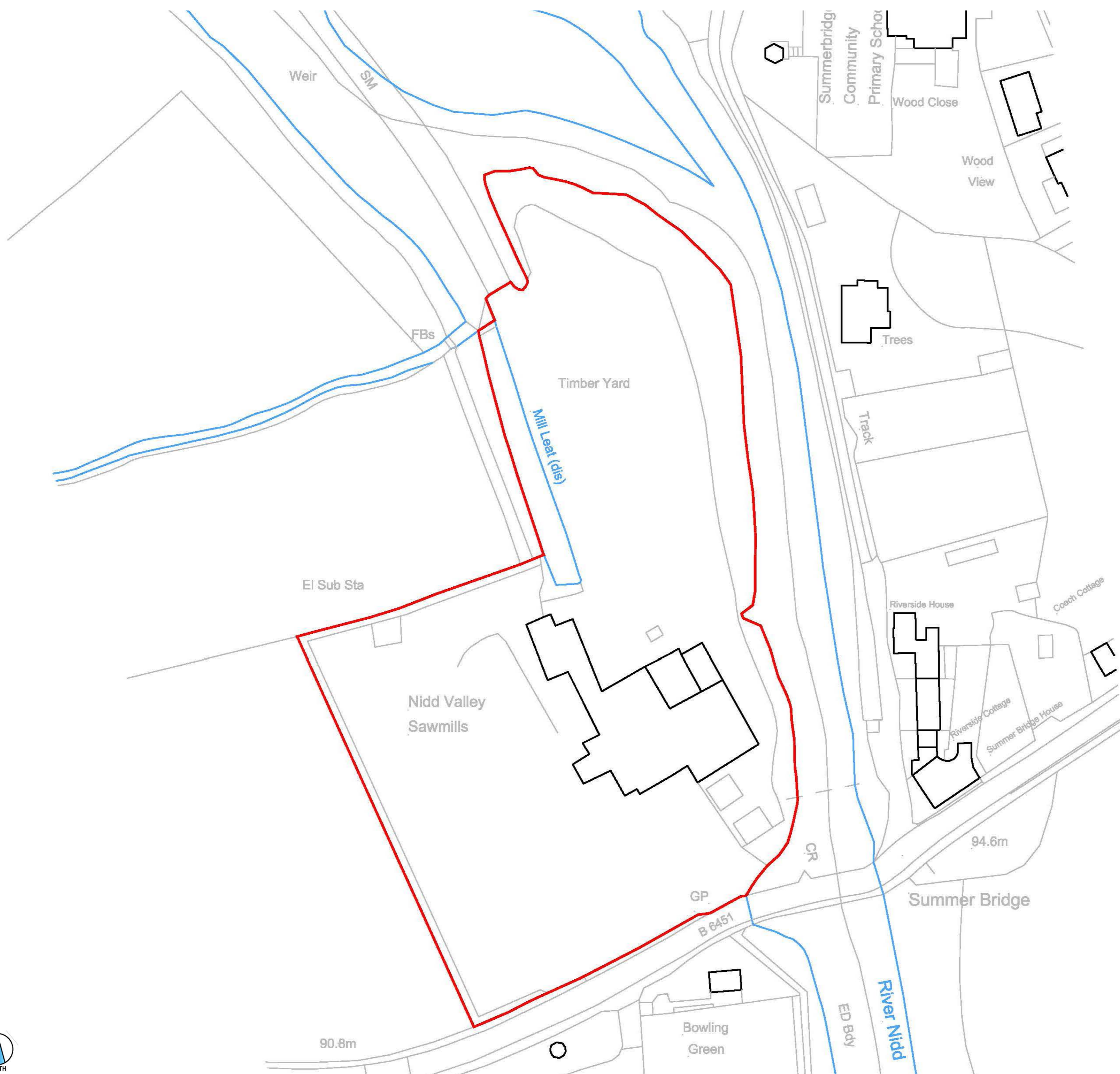
Since the existing operations have ceased the site has stood vacant. Milner Homes have acquired the site and are now looking to prepare a planning application for residential and leisure uses.

SITE CONTEXT

The site is located adjacent to the River Nidd and with frontage and access to the highway (B6451) positioned between the villages of Dacre and Summerbridge approximately 7 miles to the north west of Harrogate and 2.5 miles south east of Pateley Bridge in Nidderdale in the Harrogate district of North Yorkshire.

The former Nidd Valley Saw Mills comprises a broadly level and irregular shaped site including concrete surfaced loading platforms, yards and circulation with tarmac surfaced access roadway. A two storey (and part single storey) stone mill building has a pitched blue slate covered roof on timber queen post trusses, single storey stone and brick sawmill extensions and a number of prefabricated office and storage buildings.

The site extends to some 1.36 hectares (3.36 acres) with the building footprint totals 1,293.98m² (13,928 sq ft).



Location Plan