

 The Selby Project involves the development of a coal mine in an area of the Vale of York, between York in the North and Selby in the South. The area is at present predominantly rural and agricultural in character where there is currently no mining activity. It is planned to exploit the enormous coal reserves lying below the area and to extract approximately 300 million tons of coal from the Barnsley seam, which lies at a depth of between 400 and 1,000 metres below the surface.

The mine is planned and is being constructed as a Drift mine with all the coal coming to the surface on two inclined conveyors which will rise up through two inclined drifts having traversed the whole width of the coal field running about 70 metres below the coal measures. They will come to the surface at the Drift Site at Gascoigne Wood.

The access to the coal measures, ventilation and supporting facilities for the 4,000 miners expected to work the mine is to be provided by the five Shaft Sites which are distributed over the area of the coal field to serve the underground layout proposed.

 The Project was the subject of a Public Inquiry held in 1975 and the Secretary of State's Consent for the Project was granted in 1976. Since the Project's inception there have been detailed consultations with the Local Planning Authorities and other interested bodies. Currently, Outline Planning Consent has been granted for all the Sites and mining operations and Preliminary Surface Works Contracts are under way on all of them and surface buildings are under construction on two of the sites.

 This Report seeks to describe and illustrate the architectural design of the Shaft sites, first in terms of their main functional requirements, second in terms of the Site layouts which have been designed to satisfy those requirements in relation to the topographical and environmental factors which effect each of the sites and, third, in terms of the detailed architectural design of the buildings on the Sites.