

AERODROMES UPDATE
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Andrewsfield	Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Councils are jointly developing a Local Plan for North-East Essex with an area including Andrewsfield aerodrome earmarked for a garden community with ultimately 10,000 homes. The definitive Local Plan is the subject of Public Examination with the Planning Inspector raising concerns about the proposal which the Councils are addressing.
Bourn	Site earmarked for some 3,500 homes in 2031 Local Plan adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council on 27 September 2018 after completion of all planning procedures, including Public Examination. A planning application for the development has been submitted.
Chalgrove	After a reassessment, site included in South Oxfordshire District Council latest draft 2034 Local Plan issued for public consultation ending on 18 February 2019 for a 3,000 - home development with a new runway for Martin-Baker Aircraft (MBA) operations. Homes England (HE) the land owner has stated that they will use their CPO powers if current negotiations about the development with MBA (their tenant) who wish to protect and expand their operations, are unsuccessful.
Deenethorpe	Site accepted under the Government's Garden Village scheme for development with up to 1,500 homes which development is supported by the Brudenell Estate, the site owner. After public consultations on a proposed site masterplan, East Northamptonshire Council approved the plan on 15 October 2018 and a planning application for the development is expected shortly.
Dunsfold	Planning application for mixed use development with 1,800 homes on site approved by Waverley Borough Council on 14 December 2016 but called in for a Public Inquiry the result of which was Central Government approval for the application on 29 March 2018. Protest groups have appealed these decisions in the High Court but the Court rejected these challenges on 5 November 2018.
Elvington	York City Council definitive Local Plan submitted for Public Examination on 25 May 2018 includes a development of up to 3,330 homes occupying the middle section of the runway.
Fairoaks	Surrey Heath Borough Council made a confidential, unsuccessful bid to establish a Garden Village on site under Government scheme with planning application for 1,000 homes on site subsequently accepted in October 2018. An alternative scheme ("Fairoaks 2020") that retains the aerodrome, originally put forward by a local opposition group, has been included in proposals from Unity Land LLP. Public consultation ended on 30 July 2018 on Council's draft Local Plan options document which states that for Chobham "Employment and Retail - Sets out that development at Fairoaks Airport should be guided by a development brief / masterplan."
Halfpenny Green (Wolverhampton Business Airport)	Aerodrome sold to MCR Property Group an investment and development company focused on commercial and residential real estate. In September 2018 South Staffordshire Council approved a Site Allocation Document expanding on the previously adopted Core Strategy for their emerging Local Plan which states that the airport is allocated and protected for employment purposes. A planning application by MCR for 112 homes on south-east corner of site and aerodrome improvements including 3 new hangars is expected to be made in early 2019.
Hullavington	The former RAF Hullavington aerodrome site has been sold to Dyson Ltd who has renovated two existing Type D hangars as research centres. Latest outline planning application by Dyson made to Wiltshire Council includes a site wide masterplan retaining both runways, extending the main runway and construction of a private hangar with a control tower.
Langar	Aerodrome currently occupied / operated by British Parachute Schools sold in January 2019 to the owner of Nottingham City (Tollerton) aerodrome (see entry on page 2).
Long Marston	Aerodrome is designated in Stratford-on-Avon Local Plan adopted Core Strategy for housing and has Government Garden Village approval for which a planning application has been submitted. Developer is Cala Homes in conjunction with site owner. See entry for Wellesbourne Mountford.
Manston	Application made by River Oak Strategic Partners for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to retain the aerodrome as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project is now in a six-month examination period by the Planning Inspectorate ending on 9 July 2019. Site owners have submitted a revised planning application for mixed use retaining 1,199 metres of the existing runway for limited use by heritage aircraft. Thanet District Council definitive 2031 Local Plan submitted for Public Examination on 30 October 2018 recognises the existing use of Manston as an airport and provides for the DCO process to continue.

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MoD Sites	The following MoD aerodrome sites are planned for disposal in the years indicated:
Abingdon 2028	Dalton Barracks. Site earmarked for Garden Village style development with 1,200 homes in Vale of White Horse District Council definitive 2031 Local Plan Part 2 for which Public Examination hearings closed on 6 September 2018. The Planning Inspector has subsequently requested further justification for the proposed development.
Alconbury 2019	Major part of site already being developed with 5,000 homes.
Arbroath 2020	RMB Condor aerodrome. Under the Tay Cities Deal, Central Government have agreed to release the site and work with Angus Council to align the site with their development plans.
Brawdy 2030	Cawdor Barracks. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) have submitted site for mixed use development in Candidate Sites Register for the review of 2033 Local Development Plan 2 by Pembrokeshire Council.
Chivenor 2027	This RM barracks is not included for development in the 2031 North Devon & Torridge joint Local Plan adopted on 29 October 2018.
Colerne 2018	Aerodrome sale rumoured being delayed to coincide with sale of adjoining Azimghur Barracks in 2031. Local business interest in maintaining the aerodrome for aviation purposes.
Dishforth 2031	Aerodrome site being disposed of but not included for development in the definitive 2035 Harrogate Borough Council Local Plan submitted for Public Examination with hearings starting on 15 January 2019 but is expected to be considered during first review of the adopted Plan.
Halton 2021	Aylesbury Vale District Council's definitive 2033 Local Plan does not include the aerodrome site for any development. Public Examination hearings of the Plan ended on 20 July 2018.
Henlow 2020	Site earmarked for mixed use / specialist employment development in Central Bedfordshire Council draft 2035 Local Plan Part 2 submitted for Public Examination on 30 April 2018.
Mildenhall 2024	Forest Heath District Council Vision & Prospectus document for the site retains the aviation facilities including the runway.
Molesworth 2023	When vacated by the USAF, site due to be transferred to HE and currently earmarked for housing.
Linton-on-Ouse 2020	Under the Services out sourcing agreement with Ascent, basic fixed wing flying training will be conducted at RAF Valley in Anglesey rendering Linton-on-Ouse surplus to MoD requirements.
North Luffenham 2022	DIO and Rutland County Council public consultation on Garden Village proposal for this site ended on 15 June 2018. Further public consultation to include proposed development in emerging 2036 Local Plan ended on 24 September 2018.
Scampton 2022	The resident Red Arrows display team are due to relocate to a yet unnamed aerodrome.
Spitalgate 2020	Prince William of Gloucester Barracks. Site earmarked for residential allocation in South Kesteven District Council definitive 2036 Local Plan document submitted for public examination on 15 January 2019.
Swanton Morley 2031	Robertson Barracks. There is no reference to the closure of the Barracks in the definitive Breckland Council 2036 Local Plan subject to Public Examination hearings which ended on 20 September 2018
Tern Hill 2022	Clive Barracks.
Wethersfield 2020	Aerodrome site being transferred to HE in 2020. 614 Volunteer Gliding School has moved to former RAF Swanton Morley (see above) which is also closing in 2031.
Woodbridge 2027	Rock Barracks.
Wyton 2019	Aerodrome being sold off – DIO has a Land Sales Delivery Partnership Agreement with property developer Crest Nicholson and proposed a 4,500-home development on site. Due to road infrastructure issues, site deleted from Huntingdonshire District Council definitive 2036 Local Plan for mixed use development including housing.
North Denes (Yarmouth Heliport)	The aerodrome with two grass runways is for sale having been disused since 2015 on the cessation of North Sea helicopter operations.
Nottingham City (Tollerton)	With the support of the land owner, site earmarked for up to 4,000 homes in Local Plan Core Strategy adopted by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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Old Sarum	Site owner's planning application for housing development and 10 additional hangars amongst other work, objected to by various parties as being detrimental to the site's heritage and potentially limiting use of the aerodrome. Appeal made by owner to the Planning Inspectorate for non-determination of the application by Wiltshire Council with public inquiry hearings held in October 2018 with further hearings planned to start on 18 February 2019. The Council rejected the planning application after the appeal was made.
Panshanger	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council definitive Local Plan provides for a realigned grass runway to the north of previous runway 11/29. Definitive Local Plan subject to Public Examination with specific hearings on the aerodrome taking place on 20 February and 27 June 2018. An outline planning application to re-open the aerodrome has been submitted and another party has submitted two separate applications to establish a replacement aerodrome at either Hatfield or Cromer Hyde.
Peterborough / Sibson	Huntingdonshire District Council submitted an unsuccessful bid for a 2,500 home Garden Village on site. The Council subsequently withdrew their support for the proposal but the site is still listed in the Council's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.
Plymouth	FlyPlymouth, a local social enterprise aerodrome support group, plans to reopen the aerodrome and start regional airline services. Sutton Harbour Holdings, the site lease holder, have proposed a mixed use development although the definitive Plymouth City / South-West Devon Joint Local Plan retains the site for aviation. The definitive Joint Local Plan was submitted for Public Examination on 31 July 2017 with specific hearings on the aerodrome conducted in February 2018.
Redhill	Tandridge District Council public consultation on four potential Garden Village sites including Redhill ended on 9 October 2017. Public consultation on the definitive 2033 Local Plan ended on 10 September 2018 and this has ruled out the site for a Garden Village and allocated it protected status as an Important Employment Site. The current draft Tandridge Local Plan earmarks the aerodrome for employment purposes and notes that the site is within the Green Belt with a high risk of surface water flooding. Part of the site is within the boundary of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council whose Local Plan proposal to safeguard the site for housing has been rejected by the Planning Inspector examining the plan.
Retford (Gamston)	Earmarked for a Garden Village with ultimately 2,500 dwellings in initial draft 2035 Strategic Plan issued for public consultation ending on 10 March 2019 by Bassetlaw District Council.
Wellesbourne Mountford	Gladman Developments in conjunction with the site owner have proposed a development of 1,600 homes on the site although the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Local Plan adopted Core Strategy has earmarked Long Marston aerodrome (see page 1) as a preferred housing development site. A Core Strategy stated policy is to "Retain and support the enhancement of the established flying functions and aviation related facilities at Wellesbourne Airfield". Tenants notified by owner that flying activities would cease in December 2016 but action deferred pending tenant's legal action to obtain new leases. The Court judgement handed down on 25 June 2018 ruled against the tenants who have appealed the decision with an appeal hearing due on 17 January 2019. The Council have formally rescinded the owner's permitted development rights to prevent building demolition work and have initiated proceedings to negotiate an agreed purchase of the site or, failing that, to acquire the site by a CPO for which purpose £1.125 million has been set aside in the Council's 2019 / 2020 budget.
Wycombe Air Park	Site lease holder (Helicopter Aircraft Holdings Ltd) has agreed new leases with the land owner, Wycombe District Council. Definitive Local Plan submitted for Public Examination provides for an industrial / warehousing complex on south-eastern part of the site resulting in loss of a runway and relocation of gliding activities. Public Examination hearings started on 16 July 2018 and ended on 26 September 2018.

NOTE:

Aerodromes removed from previous list – Aylesbury / Thame (Haddenham) now closed for adjoining development and Kemble (Cotswold Airport) where the adopted Local Plan has endorsed continued aviation use of the site.