

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 have addressed by a further public consultation and with additional public hearings planned for 14 - 20 January 2020.
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.
Cambridge	Marshall Group will be vacating the aerodrome by 2030 and relocate to either of Cranfield, Duxford or Wyton (see page 2). The Group has stated its intent to the local authorities to put the site forward for development as part of the next Local Plan from 2030.
Chalgrove	After a reassessment, site included in South Oxfordshire District Council draft 2034 Local Plan submitted for public examination on 29 March 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 masterplan on 15 October 2018 and a planning application for the development is expected in the autumn.
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 appealed these decisions in the High Court but the Court rejected these challenges on 5 November 2018. The development has now been granted Government Garden Village status.
Elvington	York City Council definitive Local Plan submitted for Public Examination on 25 May 2018 with public hearings commencing on 10 December 2019 includes a development of up to 3,330 homes occupying the middle section of the runway.
Fairoaks	Surrey Heath Borough Council made an unsuccessful bid to establish a Garden Village on site under Government scheme with planning application for 1,000 homes on site subsequently accepted as valid 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. Public consultation by MCR on proposal for construction of 112 homes on south-east corner of site and aerodrome improvements including 3 new hangars, started on 7 March 2019.
Hullavington	Aerodrome site has been sold to Dyson Ltd who has renovated two existing Type D hangars as research centres and obtained outline planning permission from Wiltshire Council for a site wide masterplan excluding use of the main runway. A full planning application to extend the runway and construct a private hangar was withdrawn on 1 November 2019.
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 3). Emergency runway 01/19 is being leased for the testing of experimental autonomous cars.
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 on page 3.

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Manston	Examination period ended on 9 July 2019 into the application made by River Oak Strategic Partners (who have now purchased the site) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to retain the aerodrome as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. The Planning Inspectorate has made a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State who has until 20 January 2020 to make a decision. Thanet District Council definitive 2031 Local Plan submitted for Public Examination on 30 October 2018 with hearings commencing on 2 April 2019 recognises the existing use of Manston as an airport and provides for the DCO process to continue.
MoD Sites	The following MoD aerodrome sites are planned for disposal in the years indicated:
Abingdon Aerodrome 2024/25 Barracks 2029	Site earmarked for Garden Village style development with 1,200 homes in Vale of White Horse District Council 2031 Local Plan Part 2 adopted by the Council on 9 October 2019. Under the Plan, the development area is restricted to the south of the old runway 08/26.
Alconbury 2019	Major part of site already being developed with 5,000 homes.
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.
Colerne 2025	Aerodrome sale was originally expected to be in 2018. 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 ending on 13 February 2019 but site is expected to be considered during first review of the adopted Plan.
Halton 2022	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 2023	Future of the site being progressed by a partnership between the DIO and HE. 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 with public hearings ending on 25 July 2019.
Mildenhall 2024	The Forest Heath (now part of West Suffolk) District Council Vision & Prospectus document for the site retains the aviation facilities including the runway.
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 / Rutland County Council public consultation on Garden Village proposal for site ended on 15 June 2018. Further public consultation to include proposed development in emerging 2036 Local Plan ended on 24 September 2018. Project accepted under Government Garden Village programme.
Scampton 2022	The resident Red Arrows display team are due to relocate to either of RAF Leeming, RAF Waddington or RAF Wittering.
Spitalgate 2024	Prince William of Gloucester Barracks. Future of the site being progressed by a partnership between the DIO and HE. Site earmarked for residential allocation in South Kesteven District Council definitive 2036 Local Plan document submitted for public examination on 15 January 2019 with hearings ending on 31 May 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 2025	Clive Barracks. Shropshire Council strategic site consultation ending on 9 September 2019 includes a 750 home mixed use development of the Barracks site leaving the airfield intact.
Wethersfield 2025	Future of the site being progressed by a partnership between the DIO and HE with a new prison and housing being considered.
Wyton Aerodrome 2019	DIO has a Land Sales Delivery Partnership Agreement with property developer Crest Nicholson and proposed a 4,500-home development on site which is not included in the Huntingdonshire District Council adopted 2036 Local Plan but is in the Council's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. Marshall Group is considering relocating from Cambridge (see page 1) to the site.

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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 adopted by Rushcliffe Borough Council on 8 October 2019.
Old Sarum	Site owner's planning application for housing development and 10 additional hangars amongst other work, refused on appeal in a Planning Inspectorate decision letter dated 11 July 2019. The owners have applied for a Judicial Review of this decision and issued a letter dated 25 July 2019 giving notice of the termination of site licences from 31 October 2019 the date from which the aerodrome was notified as closed to all movements until 29 January 2020.
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 a separate application to establish a replacement aerodrome at Hatfield.
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 Group, the site lease holder, have proposed a mixed-use development although the adopted Plymouth City / South-West Devon Joint Local Plan retains the site for aviation use at least until the first 5-year review of the adopted Plan.
Redhill	Tandridge District Council public consultation on four potential Garden Village sites including Redhill ended on 9 October 2017. The definitive 2033 Local Plan submitted for Public Examination on 18 January 2019 with hearings starting on 8 October 2019 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 by Bassetlaw District Council for public consultation which ended on 10 March 2019.
Wellesbourne Mountford	Stratford-on-Avon District Council 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 that flying activities would cease in December 2016 but deferred pending tenant's legal action to obtain new leases which action was unsuccessful and the tenants have subsequently received further notices to vacate the site. The Council have rescinded the owner's permitted development rights and have initiated negotiations for an agreed purchase of the site whilst also taking CPO action to acquire the site. £1.125 million has been set aside in the Council's 2019 / 2020 budget to fund the CPO action. Under a MoU dated 30 August 2019 between the Council and the site owners, the CPO action has been suspended for up to a year to allow the owners to propose limited development of the site whilst retaining the aviation facilities with some of the tenants being offered occupancy of the site to cover the period of the MoU.
Wycombe Air Park	Site lease holder (Helicopter Aircraft Holdings Ltd) has agreed new leases with the land owner, Wycombe District Council. After Public Examination, the 2033 Local Plan was adopted by the Council on 19 August 2019 and provides for an industrial / warehousing complex on south-eastern part of the site resulting in loss of a runway and relocation of gliding activities.