



Aerodrome	Current Status
Andrewsfield	On 22 February 2021 Braintree District Council adopted Part 1 of the 2033 Local Plan which includes the joint Local Plan for North-East Essex. The Plan excludes an area on and adjacent to Andrewsfield aerodrome from future housing development. Aerodrome listed by the Council on 19 June 2020 as an Asset of Community Value.
Bourn	Site earmarked for some 3,500 homes in 2031 Local Plan adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council on 27 September 2018. The Council approved a planning application for the development on 19 February 2021 subject to the completion of prior conditions.
Cambridge	Marshall Group will be vacating the aerodrome by 2030 and have signed an option to lease land at Cranfield with Wyton being considered as an alternative site. 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	Site included in South Oxfordshire District Council 2034 Local Plan adopted on 10 December 2020 for a 3,000-home development with a new runway for Martin-Baker Aircraft (MBA) operations for which development a planning application has been submitted. In their comments on the application, the CAA have recommended that the development aspirations for the Airfield are discontinued as they are incompatible with MBA's current site operations. Homes England (HE) the land owner has stated that they will use their CPO powers if negotiations about the development with MBA (their tenant) are unsuccessful.
Chiltern Park	The site land owner has given notice to the lease holder and aerodrome operator, Chiltern Airports, to vacate the site resulting in Airports seeking an alternative site. Aerodrome listed by South Oxfordshire District Council on 11 September 2020 as an Asset of Community Value.
Coventry	Site nominated by the West Midlands Combined Authority for a Gigafactory for the production of electric vehicle batteries with a planning application expected before the end of 2021.
Deenethorpe	Site accepted under the Government's Garden Village scheme for development with up to 1,500 homes. East Northamptonshire Council approved the site masterplan on 15 October 2018 and a planning application for the development is expected soon.
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	Planning application for 1,000-home Garden Village on site withdrawn on 10 February 2020 but is expected to be resubmitted later. 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 Surrey Heath Borough 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)	In September 2018 South Staffordshire Council approved a Site Allocation Document expanding on the previously adopted Core Strategy within the Local Plan which states that the aerodrome is allocated and protected for employment purposes. A planning application has been submitted for the construction by MCR Property Group, the site owner, of 112 homes on south-west corner of site and aerodrome improvements, including construction of 3 new hangars.
Langar	Aerodrome currently occupied and 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 Wellesbourne Mountford, page 3.



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Manston	On 9 July 2020, the Secretary of State approved a Development Consent Order (DCO) to River Oak Strategic Partners (the site owner) for the aerodrome as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. A Judicial Review hearing challenging the decision due to take place on 16/17 February 2021 was cancelled and the High Court formally quashed the DCO on 15 February 2021 with the Secretary expected to provide additional information in support of his decision. On 9 July 2020 Thanet District Council adopted its 2031 Local Plan that safeguards the existing use of the site.
MoD Sites	The following MoD aerodrome sites are planned for disposal in the years indicated:
Abingdon Aerodrome 2024/25	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.
Brawdy 2024	Cawdor Barracks. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) have submitted site for mixed use development for the review of 2033 Local Development Plan 2 by Pembrokeshire Council but this is not included in the draft Plan issued for public consultation ending on 18 March 2020.
Colerne 2025	Aerodrome was originally expected to be sold 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 2035 Harrogate Borough Council Local Plan adopted by the Council on 4 March 2020 but site is expected to be considered during first review of the adopted Plan.
Halton Aerodrome 2022	The DIO future vision document for RAF Halton & the Aylesbury Vale District Council (now assimilated into the new Buckinghamshire Council) definitive 2033 Local Plan exclude development of the aerodrome site. Further public hearings of the Local Plan due in April 2021.
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 submitted for Public Examination on 30 April 2018 with public hearings ending on 18th December 2020. Fixed wing flying operations notified as suspended until 14 April 2021.
Linton-on-Ouse	Aerodrome closed on 18 December 2020 and Military AIP entry withdrawn on 25 February 2021.
North Luffenham 2022	The Rutland County Council draft 2036 Local Plan submitted for public examination on 3 February 2021 includes a 2,215-home garden community for the site. The development has been accepted under the Government Garden Village programme.
Scampton 2022	The resident Red Arrows display team will relocate to RAF Waddington.
Spitalgate 2024	Prince William of Gloucester Barracks. Future of the site being progressed by a partnership between the DIO and HE. Site earmarked for a Garden Village style settlement in South Kesteven District Council 2036 Local Plan adopted by the Council on 30 January 2020.
Swanton Morley 2031	Robertson Barracks. There is no reference to the closure of the Barracks in the definitive Breckland Council 2036 Local Plan adopted by the Council on 28 November 2019.
Tern Hill 2025	Shropshire Council consultation ended on 26 February 2021, pre-submission draft of 2038 Local Plan includes a 750-home mixed use development of the Clive 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.
North Denes	The aerodrome (Yarmouth Heliport) 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 and adjoining land earmarked for up to 4,000 homes in Local Plan adopted by Rushcliffe Borough Council on 8 October 2019. A planning application for development proposals to the north and east of the aerodrome has been submitted.
Old Sarum	Owner's planning application for housing development and 10 additional hangars refused on appeal in Planning Inspectorate decision letter of 11 July 2019. Owner applied for Judicial Review but in July 2020 the High Court refused the application. Multi-year agreement reached with effect from 1st February 2020 for site to be used as a parachute centre. Aerodrome now unlicensed but open to commercial operators with prior agreement.



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Panshanger	Homes England has bought the aerodrome site from Mariposa Investments. A public consultation by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council ended on 1 May 2020 into providing additional housing sites for the Local Plan which schemes preclude a realigned grass runway to the north of previous runway 11/29 proposed in the current draft Local Plan. An outline planning application to re-open the aerodrome has been submitted.
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 ending on 28 November 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	Planning application submitted to convert hangars 6 to 11 into a vehicle testing facility and for dual use of the runway for autonomous vehicle testing and aircraft.
Thurrock	Thurrock Council have issued to the landowner's agent a Scoping Opinion on an Environmental Impact Assessment for development of 750 houses, a medical centre and employment units on aerodrome site.
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". 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 million remains in the Council's 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 (which period has now been extended) to allow the owners to propose limited development of the site whilst retaining the aviation facilities with some of the tenants being offered continued 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 (now assimilated into the new Buckinghamshire Council). The Council's adopted 2033 Local Plan provides for an industrial / warehousing complex on south-western part of the site requiring shortening of runway 35 and relocation of gliding activities to the north, for which changes a public consultation has been held.

Notes: Maypole (now closed) and Monewden (remaining open) have been deleted from the previous Update.