

One of the key design principles which underpins the evolution of the Outline Application was to create a legacy from the former airfield use which integrates with and enhances the future proposals.

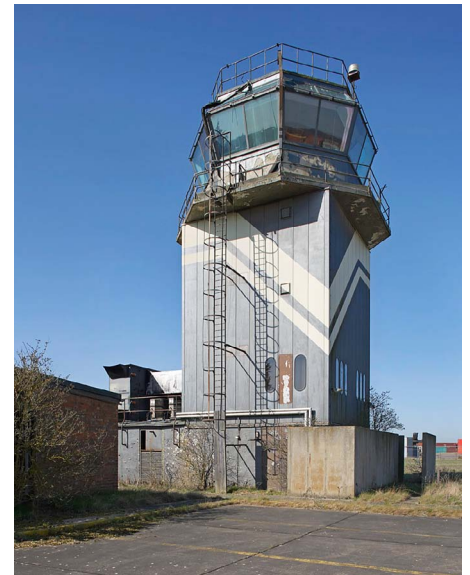
With five designated heritage assets – which stretch from the remains of a 13th Century manor house to the reinforced bunkers of the 1980s Cold War tensions – the past will always be present but we wanted to explore the many ways in which details, alignments, structures and historical events can be interwoven into the fabric of the development.

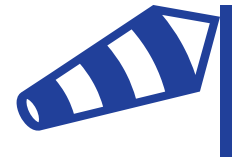
For budding historians and local residents who have lived with the airfield for many years, the Heritage Strategy submitted as part of the Outline Application, summarises and illustrates the history of the site.

It also explains how the heritage significance of the site will be preserved by the retention, conservation, re-use and interpretation of the site's designated heritage assets; the preservation and archiving of artefacts, records and drawings related to the site's buildings and use; and the development of community history and archaeology projects which will ensure public

involvement in the protection of the site's heritage significance.

For those wishing to delve deeper, the Environmental Statement provides a full assessment of the significance of heritage assets both within the development site and in the surrounding area, as well as identifying the effect of the proposed development on these assets, once mitigation measures have been put in place. It should be noted that, in particular Technical Appendix 11.2 provides a detailed and in-depth analysis of the history and development of the airfield, and assesses the architectural and historic interest of the site's buildings both on an individual and group basis.





The Outline Application as a whole takes a proactive approach to heritage and incorporates the site's significance into the design and use of the proposed development. This can be found in the Spatial Principles, the Design and Access Statement and the Green Infrastructure Statement.

Key design features such as the linear park through the centre of the site, the cricket pitch in front of the Second World War watch tower and the Heritage Area in the north of the site will reflect the historic alignments, breathe new life into historic buildings and protect cold war structures together with their settings.



In addition there is also a wealth of heritage material and local memories which we want to capture, mark and make available and we are working with local heritage groups, local schools and key stakeholders on a number of projects as the Outline Application is determined.

We are also working with the Airfield Research Group and have already begun the task of pulling together a comprehensive record of all of the buildings on the site: their plans, pictures, uses and history and will make this archive available to the public.



Key Documents:

Outline Planning Application:

- *Development Specification* – spatial principle SP12
- *Parameter Plan* – identification of designated heritage assets and the Heritage Area.
- *Design and Access Statement* – review of heritage issues and key principles in terms of design
- *Green Infrastructure Strategy* – integrated analysis of the different elements of green infrastructure across Alconbury Weald
- *Community Facilities Strategy* – identification of proposed community facilities on site, temporary or long term usage of undesignated heritage assets and methods of managing these long term
- *Heritage Strategy* – an analysis of the history of the site and the incorporation of heritage into the future development proposals
- *Environmental Statement* – assessment of impacts on the heritage of the site and the mitigations proposed.



Stukeleys Heritage Group tour the site in a vintage bus

