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Cheshire Green Employment Park

Client

Phillip Posnett

Location

Land at Wardle Airfield,
Cheshire

Services Provided

Archaeology
Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

Ongoing

Key issues

Development land part of
Wardle Airfield

Consultation with English
Heritage and Cheshire East
Council Officers regarding the
assessment and mitigation of
the Airfield heritage assets

Scheme of assessment of
archaeological and built
heritage assets associated with
the Airfield

Production of Archaeological
Desk-Based Assessment and
Built Heritage Assessment to
help inform the requirement for
evaluation/mitigation



A planning application was submitted in early 2013 for the development of an employment site comprising light industrial, general industrial, and storage and distribution uses at Wardle Airfield, Cheshire.

The site is c. 62 hectares in extent and comprises a number of 20th century industrial buildings and related structures forming the Airfield. The site has been in use as an Airfield dating back to 1941. As a result, parts of it have been levelled and terraced to create suitable gradients for taxiways and runways.

An archaeological and built heritage assessment of the site was undertaken in order to investigate the condition and significance of known archaeology and built heritage assets on the site, with the additional aim of identifying any previously unknown archaeological remains, and assessing the relative importance of the Airfield Buildings and Control Tower.

The assessment showed that the significance of the non-designated assets (both archaeological and built heritage) that comprise the former Calveley Airfield are of local importance. Although the scale of harm from the development incorporates the loss of the buildings, their loss is considered to be of low value and should be mitigated through an appropriate level of recording prior to removal.

