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Former Maze Prison and Long Kesh Army Base Site

Client

Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM), Northern Ireland

Location

Northern Ireland

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

December 2004

Key Issues

Assessment of Built Heritage

Detailed Building Analysis

Comprehensive Historic Building Recording

Research, Oral history, Liaison with EHS

20th Century Architecture

Recommendations for statutory protection

Historic Association

Political and Social Sensitivity

This controversial site covers approximately 360 acres, and comprises three main elements based on the former World War II RAF Long Kesh airfield:

- Former Long Kesh Army Barracks (largely demolished)
- Former Long Kesh Internment Centre
- H.M.Prison Maze

The Prison closed in 2000. After its closure it remained under HMP authority, but following the

Reinvestment and Reform Initiative (RRI), the site, along with other former military bases and security sites that symbolized the conflict, was earmarked for economic and social regeneration



In April 2004 CgMs was instructed by the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) of Northern Ireland, together with the Environment Heritage Service (EHS), to identify the heritage value of the site and make recommendations for the suitability of statutory protection. This would be achieved via historical research, the compilation of a detailed record and an

assessment of the current condition of the site. CgMs would also provide an assessment of significance of the site and its buildings to assist in determining its future.

CgMs identified that several buildings and curtilage structures met the criteria for statutory protection as listed buildings and that the character and appearance of part of the site would best be protected by the designation of a conservation area. These recommendations were upheld by EHS/OFMDFM in June 2005.



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