

Special Site of Exception – Kirton in Lindsey Barracks

Kirton in Lindsey barracks is a former World War II RAF base utilised by the Ministry of Defence as an army barracks with associated accommodation blocks. The 124 acre site is located on the southern fringe of Kirton in Lindsey in the open countryside. The majority of the site comprises greenfield land including a golf course, gliding club and open greenfield space. Accommodation blocks, car parks and four large aviation hangars occupy the northern part of the site.

The Ministry of Defence declared Kirton in Lindsey Barracks surplus to requirements and disposed of the site in 2014. It is essential that this large site is brought back into beneficial use as quickly as possible to prevent the barracks and associated outbuildings falling into dereliction and causing blight to the entire area and to the of Kirton in Lindsey.

The majority of the site comprises greenfield land including golf course, gliding club and open greenfield space. This part of the site can easily be brought back into beneficial uses compatible with the open countryside including restoration to agriculture. Consultation with Kirton in Lindsey residents and stakeholders has identified a desire for the site to enable gliding club operations to continue together with possible additional allotment development and re-use of some of the buildings for tourism and local use. However the accommodation block areas are heavily contaminated and are considered incapable of redevelopment unless the high value use of housing is proposed on this part of the site. The remaining four large aviation hangars and car parks occupy the remainder of the brownfield part of the site and commercial and business uses compatible with adjacent residential uses are considered appropriate.

A development brief for the site will be prepared but it is considered appropriate that in given the exceptional circumstances Kirton in Lindsey barracks be redeveloped to provide:

1. The redevelopment of the accommodation blocks to enable up to a maximum of 350 dwellings.
2. Employment uses on the remaining built area compatible with the adjacent residential redevelopment.
3. Agricultural uses, allotments, and the retention of the gliding club.