

D10 ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE

OBJECTIVES

- D10/a To develop an appropriate archaeological strategy which mitigates against any adverse effects of the new settlement on the archaeological resource;**
- D10/b To minimise any adverse impacts on the setting and character of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas in the surrounding area;**
- D10/c To develop an appropriate strategy which mitigates against any effects of the new settlement on unlisted structures of historic interest within the RAF airfield;**
- D10/d To provide an educational resource which can be used to inform the local population and the wider academic environment on the archaeological significance of the area.**

POLICY NS/20 Use of Existing Buildings

The developer will be required to undertake a comprehensive site survey to identify which buildings and structures should be retained for their heritage value, and establish the extent of their settings. The survey should conclude by proposing suitable long-term uses for identified heritage assets. Structures, such as the pillboxes, will be retained and maintained as features or points of interest in the landscape.

- D10.1 Whilst there are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments at Northstowe, the site contains a rich buried archaeological resource. Several archaeological sites are identified on the Cambridgeshire County Council Sites and Monuments Record including large cropmark complexes of Iron Age / Roman /Anglo-Saxon date. Other buried archaeological sites may also await detection, in accordance with Core Strategy Policy CH/2.
- D10.2 At Oakington Barracks / Airfield there are a number of World War II buildings and structures of historical military interest including the Officers' Mess and a number of pillboxes, for which sustainable uses will be sought.
- D10.3 The built heritage in areas which will lie close to Northstowe is also significant and consists of a number of Listed Buildings in surrounding villages (some of which provide landmark buildings in the wider landscape) and Conservation Areas:

- At Longstanton based on All Saints Church and The Manor together with important village setting between Longstanton All Saints and Longstanton St Michael's;
- At Longstanton St Michael's based on its church;
- In Oakington village;
- At Westwick including the parkland setting of Westwick Hall.