

Regeneration plans for Filton Airfield take off

Green light for YTL's regeneration proposal for Filton Airfield with landscape design by Grant Associates.

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SUMMARY

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The masterplan includes 2,675 new homes, 62 acres of employment and industrial space, three new schools, community facilities, a new railway station and a dedicated Metrobus route on the site of the former airfield in north Bristol.

Grant Associates worked closely with architect Allies and Morrison on the masterplan and developed the overall landscape strategy for the scheme, one of the largest brownfield sites in the UK.

YTL Land and Property purchased the site from BAE Systems in 2015. The developer's vision is to create a new neighbourhood with a unique character, including landscape and public realm, that draws on the site's rich aviation and engineering history.

The landscape concept traces the airfield's former runway with a sequence of public spaces, courts and gardens linked by walkways and cycle routes, through the heart of the new district.

The concept includes a central 'destination' park that encompasses spaces for play, community gardens and allotments, and informal parkland. Other landscape features include an integrated approach to sustainable urban drainage; connections with the wider green infrastructure and ecological corridors; strategic cycle routes and improved links to the surrounding areas such as Charlton Common and Filton Woods.

Filton Airfield saw the development of Concorde and the Bristol Brabazon. The existing Concorde Museum, aero collection, listed Spitfire hangar and Brabazon hangar will all remain part of the site, with the hangars helping to frame the new district's centre.

Situated on the north-west fringes of Bristol, the 3km-long site extends from the Airbus and Rolls Royce complexes in the east across to the M5 and hills along the Severn Estuary to the west.

The masterplan team is led by Allies and Morrison and includes Grant Associates alongside Peter Brett Associates (engineers), Phil Jones Associates (transport planners) and Alder King (planning consultants).

Construction of the first buildings is expected to begin in autumn 2018.

Keith French, director at Grant Associates, comments: "This hugely ambitious masterplan represents a once in a generation opportunity to create a new urban quarter for north Bristol, set within a landscape framework of community gardens, parks, squares, streets and parkways, to promote healthy living and biodiversity.

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RELEVANT LINKS

 **YTL Land and Property**
<http://www.ytlproperty.co.uk/>

 **Allies and Morrison**
<http://www.alliesandmorrison.com/>

 **Grant Associates**
<http://grant-associates.uk.com/>

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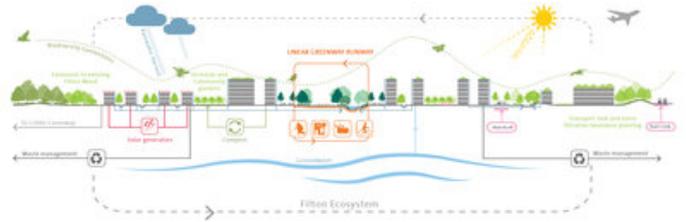
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