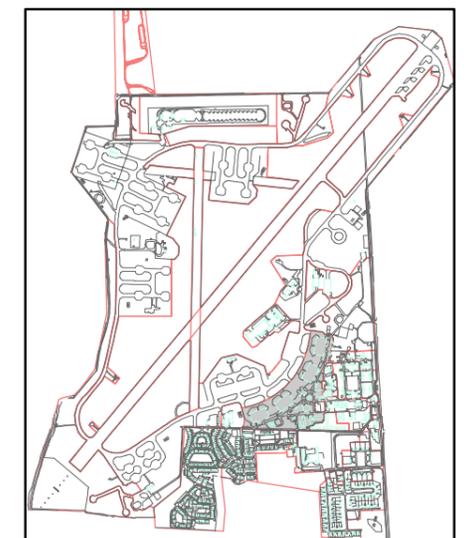




RAF Scampton Historical Characterisation

Hangars & Technical

-  Character Area Boundary
-  Building
-  General Feature
-  General Surface
-  Landform
-  Road



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Figure 6. Hangars & Technical

Hangars & Technical 1930s

Character Summary

Two pairs of C-type aircraft hangars facing onto the landing ground with associated technical buildings to the rear. 617 'Dambusters' Squadron occupied one of the hangars, and another is currently used by the Red Arrows.

Period: Expansion Period

Form: Planned cluster of buildings, ranging from single storey technical buildings to high-rise aircraft hangars

Buildings: four large aircraft hangars, technical support buildings and storage buildings

Survival: Building features adapted but plan form intact

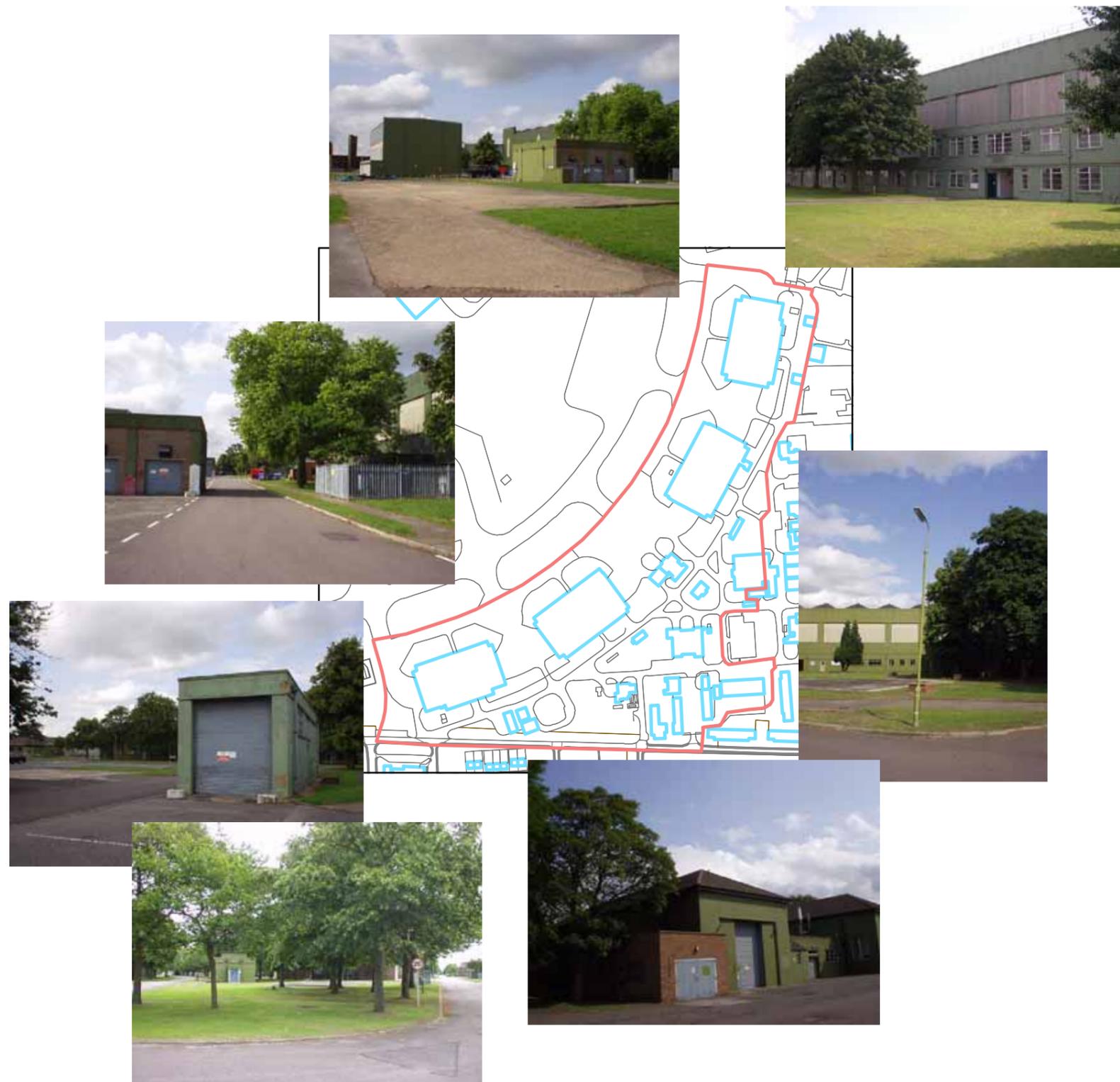
Condition: Externally maintained

Complexity: Continuous single use, historic to present

The opportunities and management issues presented by this Character Area relate to the need to conserve key elements of the current Character Area, the opportunities for bringing the buildings back into use, the need for recording prior to any removal or disturbance, as well as building on the attractive nature of the tree cover and the historic associations for amenity and interpretation.

The opportunities for this area are as follows. In the event of development, to:

- Ensure building survival including form, layout and external appearance, as an important part of the setting and context for the Hangars.
- Keep and maintain the buildings as far as possible, (using original materials) and reuse, possibly for storage, to ensure continued maintenance.
- Protect the original landscaping and street furniture.
- Maintain original access to and movement through the area using current layout of roads and pavements.
- Investigate the opportunity for interpretation close to or inside buildings, or elsewhere to show original layout and use.
- In the event of alterations being made to the exterior or interiors of the buildings, ensure that full medium or large format photographic recording is undertaken.
- Pursue opportunities for research into the buildings, and their recording prior to any alterations.
- Investigate opportunities for community engagement in recording or other archaeological work, or through organised visits.



Runway & Dispersal WWII

Character Summary

Three runways, incorporating a north-south aligned runway, an east-west aligned runway (now truncated), and a southwest-northeast aligned runway. Associated with the runway are six 'frying-pan' dispersal areas, which are the only surviving examples within the airfield. The grassed parts of the airfield should be considered in conjunction with this Character Area.

Period: WWII

Form: Runway and associated dispersal areas and original perimeter track layout within an open grassed airfield,

Buildings: No buildings

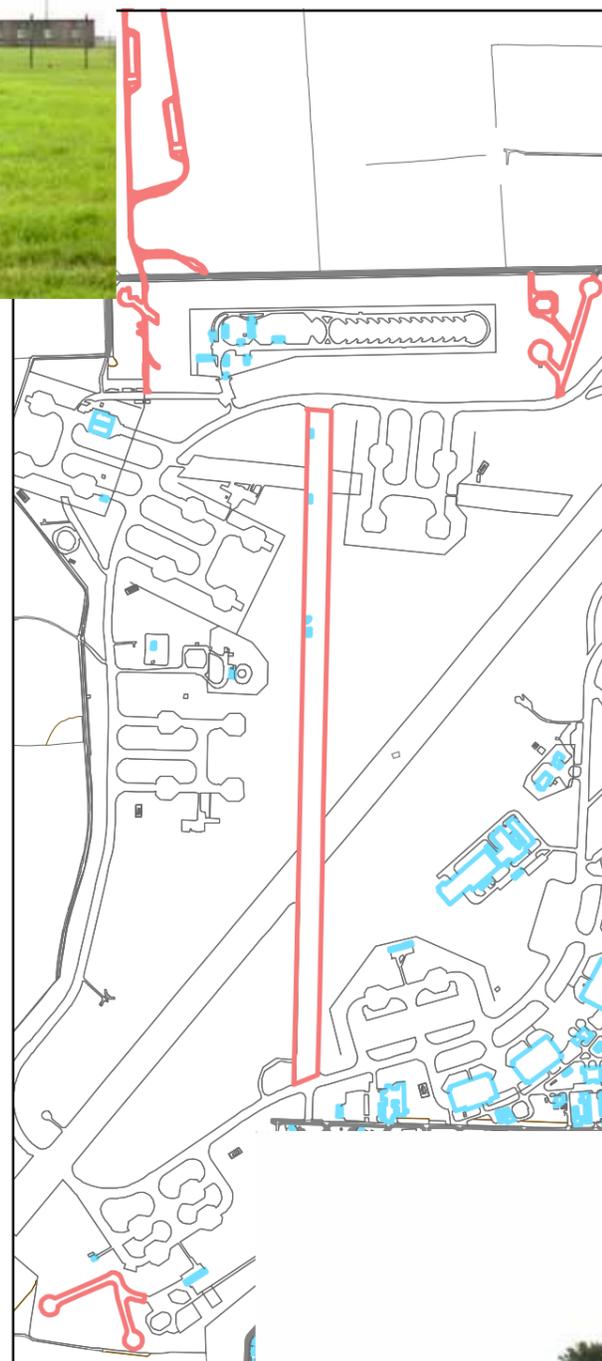
Survival: Features adapted but plan form intact

Management opportunities

Due to security issues, there are no opportunities for interpretation or detailed research in this area currently.

There are a number of management issues, however, relating to the survival of the WWII runway, perimeter track and dispersal areas. In the event of alterations or redevelopment, these are to:

- Maintain surfaces as they currently survive.
- Ensure recording of ground level features, in particular the 'frying-pan' dispersal areas, which are deteriorating and becoming overgrown.
- Ensure consideration is given to buried archaeological potential in the context of any development on the airfield.



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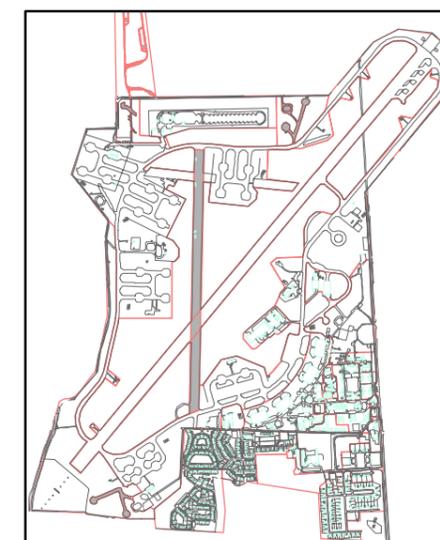


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Runway & Dispersal WWII

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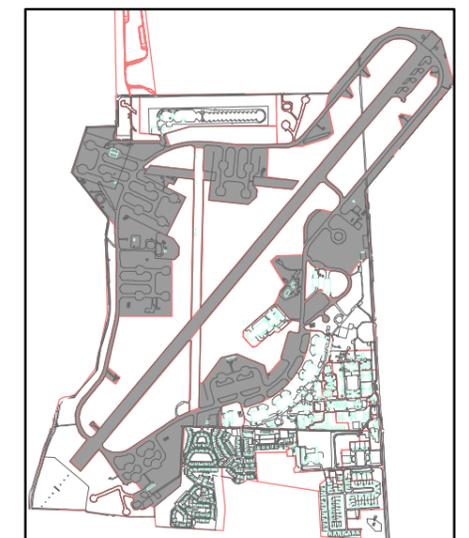
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Figure 7. Runway & Dispersal, WWII



RAF Scampton Historical Characterisation Runway & Dispersal 1950s

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Figure 8. Runway & Dispersal, 1950s

Runway & Dispersal 1950s

Character Summary

Airfield runway aligned NE-SW. To the north and south are dispersal areas, operational readiness platforms, the Control Tower & fire station and 16 communications buildings dispersed throughout the flying field.

Period: Cold War

Form: 9,000ft SW-NE runway, with associated dispersal areas and operational readiness platforms. 4 storey control tower and small single-storey buildings dispersed throughout the flying field

Buildings: Control Tower, fire station and small communications buildings

Survival: As built

Condition: Maintained for use

Complexity: Continuous single use, historic to present

Management opportunities

Due to security issues, there are no opportunities for interpretation or detailed research in this area. However, the following opportunities have been identified. In the event of development, to:

- Ensure recording of ground level and features, in particular dispersal areas and ORPs, as well as recording the layout and function of the 16 small technical buildings dispersed across the airfield.
- Ensure consideration is given to buried archaeological potential in the context of any development on the airfield.

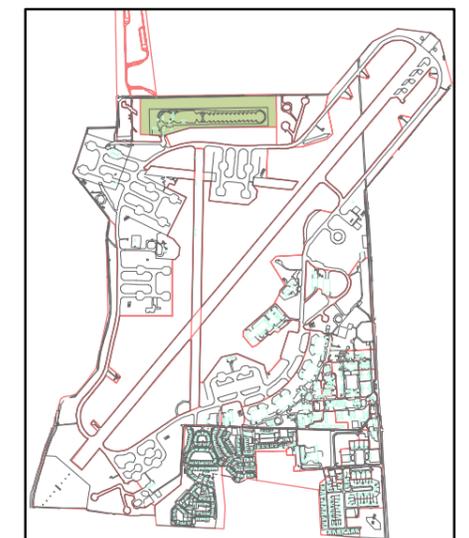




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Unit Storage

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Figure 9. Unit Storage

Unit Storage

Character summary

An isolated linear compound running east-west at the northern end of the flying field, with single storey support buildings at the west end, and earth mounded bomb store cells at the east end.

Period: Cold War

Form: A cluster of planned bomb stores and associated single-storey support and technical buildings, isolated from the rest of the airfield by a large perimeter fence

Buildings: Concrete bomb store cells, guardhouse, and small support/technical buildings

Survival: As built

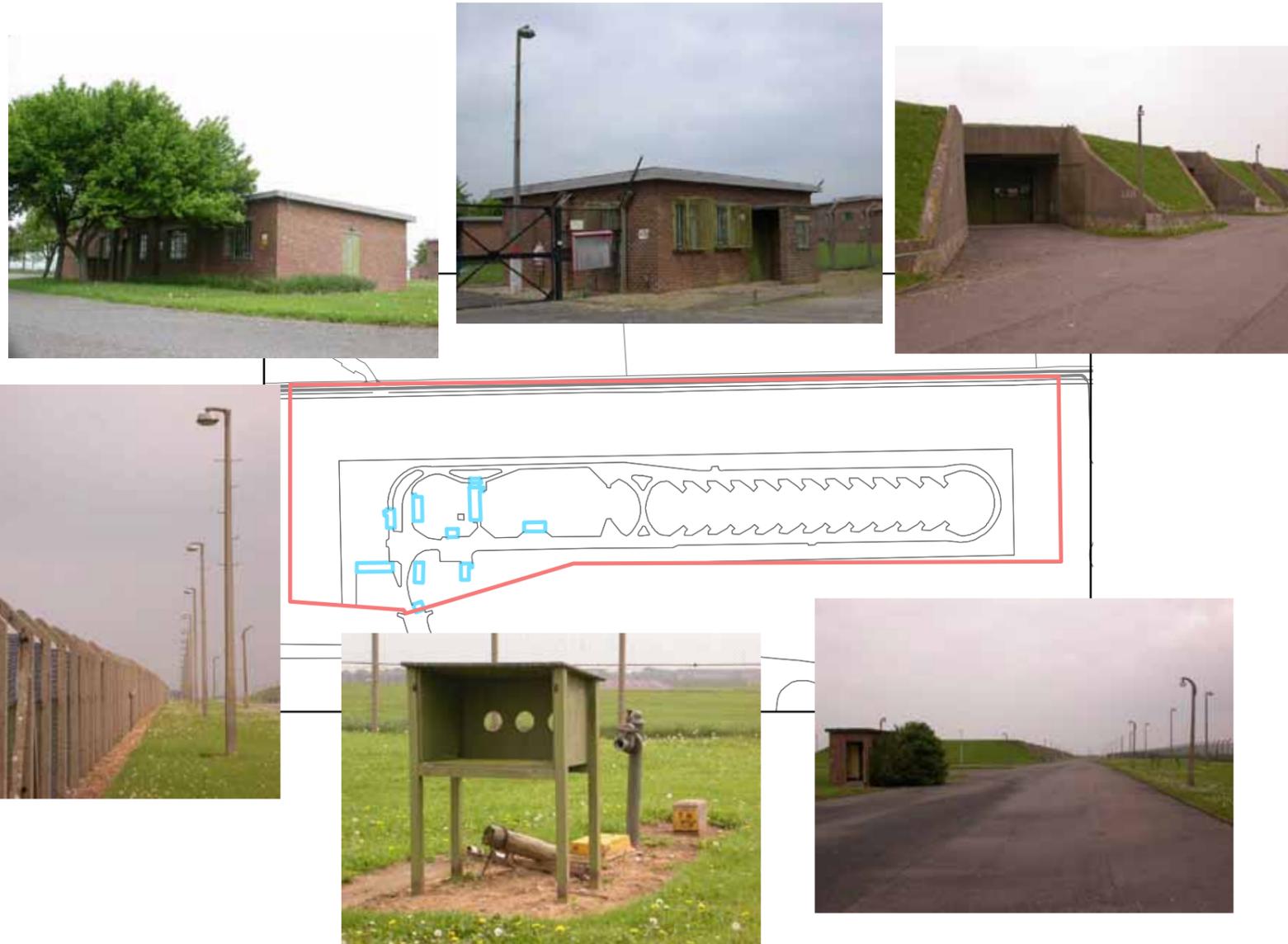
Condition: Externally maintained **Complexity:** Single use and abandonment

Management opportunities

The opportunities and management issues presented by this Character Area relate to the intact nature of the buildings and layout, and the potential that this presents for interpretation.

The opportunities, in the event of development, are as follows:

- Maintain the quality of the buildings and structures, and the relationship between the buildings and open space surrounding them.
- Bring buildings back into use if possible, to ensure continued maintenance.
- Investigate the possibility of allowing public access to the area, perhaps through reuse as a museum, for storage of archives etc.
- Where possible to renovate buildings using original materials.
- Ensure interiors and exteriors are recorded prior to any alteration, and that full medium or large format photographic recording is undertaken.
- Protect original landscaping and street furniture.
- Maintain original access to and movement through the area using current layout of roads and pavements.
- Investigate opportunities for community engagement in recording or other archaeological work, or through organised visits.

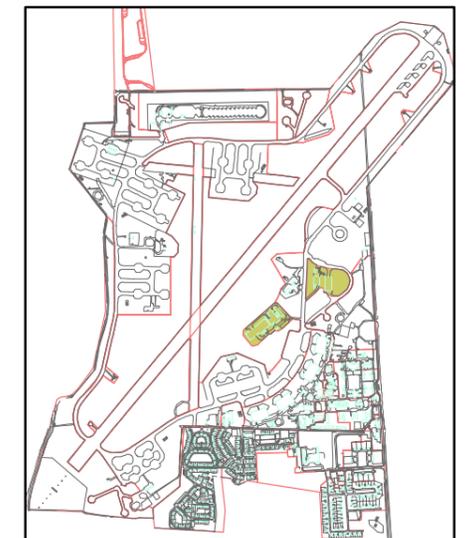




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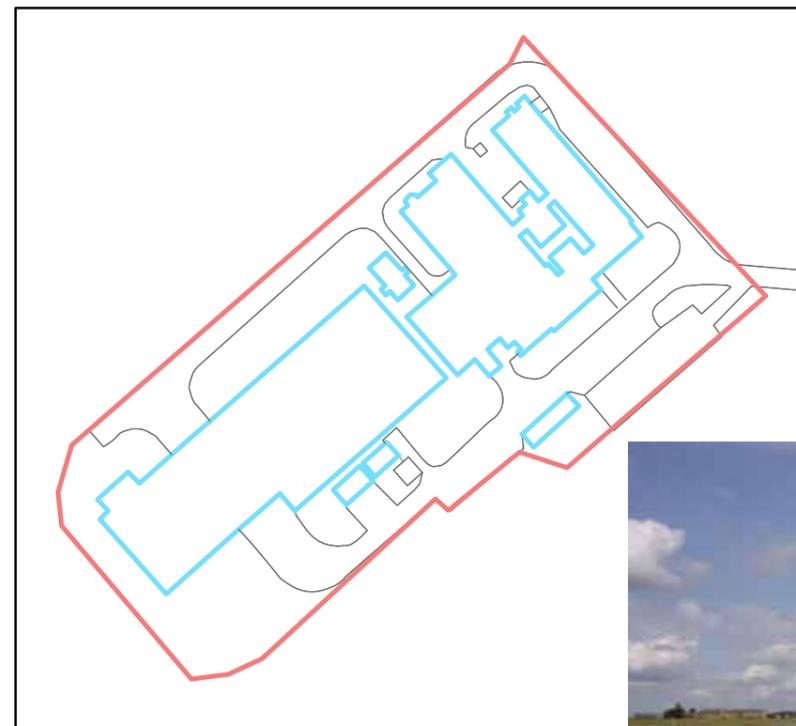
Blue Steel

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Figure 10. Blue Steel



Blue Steel

Character Summary

Two areas developed for the refuelling, storage, maintenance and development of the Blue Steel stand-off missile within the 1950s runway layout. The buildings consist of a converted Type-T hangar and electronics building, and the footprint of the Missile Service and Storage Building

Period: Cold War

Form: Planned cluster of buildings, varying between 2/3-storeys

Buildings: Storage hangar, electronics building and MSSB complex footprint

Survival: With the exception of the MSSB building which was demolished in 2004, all other buildings survive as built

Condition: Maintained externally

Complexity: Multi-period, varying use to present day

Management opportunities

Due to security issues, there are no opportunities for interpretation or detailed research in this area. The opportunities and management issues presented by this Character Area relate to the rarity of the buildings and their value in the history of the Blue Steel weapons system. The opportunities are as follows:

- Research and record the buildings, assessing the role they played in the development of Blue Steel.
- Ensure interiors are recorded prior to any alteration, using full medium or large format photographic recording.