

Strategic importance of the development

The Samlesbury site development will provide benefit to the whole of the aerospace industry in the North West.

The development will help to sustain current jobs, and has the potential to create a significant number of new jobs, thereby underpinning the future of aerospace in Lancashire.

The development will help the North West Development Agency and BAE Systems harness and retain the skills, technology and knowledge that the region possesses.

The work is closely aligned with the MoD's Defence Industrial Strategy (DIS) of December 2005, which calls for a fundamental transformation of the air sector – the proposed development will consolidate a range of essential activities on one site.

Samlesbury will provide the infrastructure and skilled employees to deliver a number of nationally important aircraft programmes that are essential to support our armed forces on the front line.

Expansion of our facilities is essential if we are to meet demanding future delivery schedules for critical customer programmes.



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Welcome to the third Samlesbury site newsletter, which provides an update on site development activities, plans and key events.

The newsletters are intended to complement the ongoing consultation with our local community, staff and other interested parties.

We hope you find the newsletter useful and informative. However, if you have any specific concerns or issues at any time please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alternatively you can contact Paul Melling in the PR & Communications team on 01772 856992.



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New buildings take shape

After four years of consultation, planning, feasibility studies and professional agency reviews, construction of the core development, specifically the new accommodation complex is now well underway. The first of the new buildings is now clearly visible over the construction site hoardings, with steel work erection and concrete pouring a daily event.



Energy efficient development

In keeping with planning conditions, both the accommodation buildings under construction have energy efficiency designed into the build including, for example:

- **Night time cooling** which uses the outside air to cool the building structure overnight which in turn cools the internal environment for part of the day, rather than using electrically powered coolers to bring down temperatures
- **Controlled lighting** that only switches on when it's needed
- **Biomass boilers** to supplement the heating system using eco friendly / renewable fuels
- **Rainwater harvesting** to reduce the demand on freshwater supplies

BAE Systems has also invested in ecology surveys to ensure our site development has a minimal impact on the local ecology and environment. We are using energy efficient building materials and methods in addition to landscaping to replace vegetation removed as part of the development.

New entrances

Enabling works on the new site entrance are at an advanced stage and permission has now been granted for a separate entrance to the Canberra Club - BAE Systems' Sports and Social Club for staff and the local community. The current on-site enabling works will be complete by the end of July.

The new entrances will help remove congestion on the A59 and create a safer means of access to the site and egress from the site.

We are also in the process of applying for detailed planning approval for the new site entrance reception facility and other potential developments are also under review prior to submission for planning approval.

Work is due to start on both the new club entrance and the new site entrance this summer. It is planned that both new entrances will be fully operational by early spring 2009.

Planning permission

In April, we submitted a planning application for a new Materials Engineering and Structural Test building to support our major programmes including Typhoon and F-35 Lightning II. The new facility will be located adjacent to the existing 2 building facility.

Award winning construction partners

HBG Construction North West, the company selected by BAE Systems to undertake the initial construction work on Samlesbury site has been praised for its work on the site.

An independent report by the Considerate Contractors Scheme awarded the site 39 out of 40 in a recent inspection and it scored a maximum '5 out of 5' for being considerate, caring for the environment, being a good neighbour, its safety, responsibility and accountability.

Traffic management

HBG have implemented a detailed traffic management plan for their construction vehicles. Checks are made on a regular basis to ensure that the correct route for deliveries to site is being adhered to and all construction vehicle drivers are provided with a map of the approved route.

In line with planning conditions, BAE Systems has also provided financial support to Lancashire County Council for traffic calming measures on Branch Road. Lancashire County Council will be implementing a scheme following consultation with local residents, Ribbles Valley and South Ribbles Borough councils.

Archaeology

In January's development update we highlighted the archaeological significance of Samlesbury site. Prior to the Samlesbury site becoming an airfield in 1939 it was home to a number of farmhouses. In March, investigation work continued with the excavation of three evaluation trenches.

Two of the trenches located close to the security fences were expanded to reveal the full extent of the building remains which have been extended and appended on a number of occasions relating to buildings shown on the 1849 OS map.

Evidence of a number of other structures in the vicinity indicates the presence of buildings which were demolished prior to 1849.

A single shard of pottery likely to be from the 11th or 12th century was found. Archaeological investigations have now been completed.

