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PLANNING PROCEEDS AT KINGS HILL



Manchester based HOW Planning has submitted a hybrid planning application on behalf of Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd to deliver a comprehensive mixed use redevelopment of the Central Area at Kings Hill, Kent.

Kings Hill, the former World War II airfield, RAF West Malling, has undergone extensive regeneration since Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd were selected by Kent County Council in 1989 as a Development Partner to transform the site into one of the largest mixed use developments in Europe.

Kings Hill now provides an integrated business and residential community which is supported by a balanced mix of sports, leisure, retail and education facilities. However, despite the extensive regeneration, large parts of the District Centre, known as the Central Area have



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remained undeveloped and are currently underutilised.

Parcels of land within the Central Area have been cleared for development and are addressed by the hybrid planning application which seeks to deliver high quality public realm and enhanced car parking as well as transformation of the Grade II listed former Control Tower back into beneficial use.

The 'hybrid' planning application includes proposals made in both full and outline detail. Full planning permission is sought for the refurbishment of the former Control Tower for a coffee shop and a cultural centre at ground floor with offices above. Full planning permission is also sought for the construction of a new foodstore; reconfiguration of the existing Queen Street car park; the creation of new public realm space; and the creation of a new car park for the doctors' surgery.

Outline planning permission is sought for additional retail units and an extension to the existing doctors surgery.

In addition to the 'hybrid' planning application a suite of separate but interrelated applications have been made to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council which will complete the rejuvenation of the Central Area. These include a reserved matters planning application for housing development at Parcels A-D, a full planning application for the reconfiguration of Queen Street Square and a full planning application for housing development at Parcel E.

Says Jon Suckley, Associate at HOW Planning: "Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd has already been hugely successful with the transformation of the former airfield, creating a vibrant new community in Kent. These planning applications are designed to further enhance the Central Area to including the sympathetic conversion of the former Control Tower; a symbolic reminder of the development's history."