

# St. Athan

## Home of the Defence Technical Academy and Aerospace Park



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## Continuing the St Athan heritage

**MOD ST ATHAN, LOCATED IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN, HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS.**

Under the Defence Training Review (DTR), and plans to provide more streamlined and efficient training services for military personnel, it will become home to a new Defence Technical Academy. A new Aerospace Business Park will complement the Technical Academy whilst becoming a centre of excellence in its own right.

The proposed redevelopment of MOD St Athan will create a new Technical Academy of international standing and will ensure UK military personnel continue to receive the very best training available.

The additional development of the Aerospace Business Park will further build on South Wales' heritage in the aerospace industry and will both directly and indirectly create significant employment opportunities and help to attract further investment into the area.

For the local community this represents a significant opportunity with the creation of new jobs and a multi million pound annual injection into the local economy.

Involving the community in the redevelopment of St Athan is a priority. The public's comments and views will have a direct impact on how the detail of our plan evolves in the build up to submitting a planning application in Spring 2009.

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# THE PROJECT TEAM

In 2007, the Secretary of State for Defence announced that the Metrix consortium had been selected as the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) preferred bidder for the delivery of the Defence Technical Academy.

Metrix, a special purpose company that is a 50/50 joint venture between the defence and technology research group QinetiQ and leading British property development and investment company, Land Securities Trillium, has extensive experience in delivering projects of this scope and scale.

The redevelopment of St Athan is being undertaken in close partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government, which is promoting the development of the Aerospace Business Park and providing major new infrastructure for the entire development.



## What will be delivered

IDENTIFIED AS PART OF A STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY AREA IN THE WALES SPATIAL PLAN AND AS A KEY SETTLEMENT IN THE DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY FOR THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENCE TECHNICAL ACADEMY WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI) CONTRACTS TO DATE WITH A VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY £12 BILLION.

With a commitment to technological innovation and a dynamic approach to training delivery, the Defence Technical Academy will provide training for up to 4,500 students at any one time, specialising in aeronautical and electro mechanical engineering, and communications/IT disciplines.

Up to 550 houses will be built to provide family accommodation for personnel during their stay. A number of potential sites in the area are being considered and assessed in terms of their suitability. The remainder of the academy population will stay in purpose built accommodation constructed as part of the redevelopment.

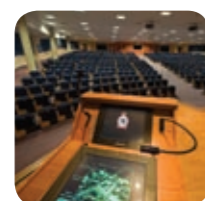
The Aerospace Business Park will attract businesses involved in both civilian and military work and will further strengthen the region's existing track record in aerospace expertise.

Improvements works, including new accesses and enhancements to Eglwys Brewis Road,

St Athan Junction, the B4265 road at Gileston/Old Mill and Waycock Cross roundabout, will help ensure the road network is able to cope with any increase in traffic at peak times. Retail, leisure, medical, sports and recreational facilities would be provided for site personnel to ensure that no additional burden is placed on existing services within the community.

To help meet energy needs in a sustainable manner, the proposed development will include an Energy Centre incorporating a bio-mass generator that would be fuelled in part by wood chips, reducing carbon emissions for the Technical Academy by between 30 and 60 per cent per annum.

Other environmental considerations will include the delivery of a Green Travel Plan, that will include a number of measures to reduce car use, and a waste minimisation strategy, which will see rubble from the demolition phase being re-used as building materials and in the landscaping of the site.



All pictures: The Defence Academy at Shrivenham

## The need for redevelopment

CURRENTLY, SPECIALIST TRAINING IN AERONAUTICAL AND ELECTRO MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND COMMUNICATION/IT DISCIPLINES TAKES PLACE AT NINE DIFFERENT SITES ACROSS THE UK, PRODUCING SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST TRAINED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

The Metrix vision will see the Defence Technical Academy building on this success by creating a single training facility of international standing.

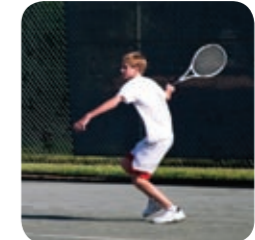
The Defence Technical Academy will bring training for each of the services; Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, together in one location for the first time.

The benefits of this are considerable and will ensure that UK military personnel continue to receive the very best training available, whilst bringing together each of the services in one location will mean further benefits in terms of efficiency and shared learning.

The Aerospace Business Park will complement the Technical Academy as well as becoming a centre of excellence in its own right.

It will build upon existing aerospace businesses in South Wales such as British Airways Maintenance Cardiff and GE Aircraft Engine Services, and will bring vital new jobs to the area.

## Benefits for the community



THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ST ATHAN WILL RESULT IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR BENEFITS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN AND THE SOUTH WALES REGIONAL ECONOMY.

The Technical Academy would create many new jobs. The construction phase will also generate further employment opportunities for the local community and the wider Vale of Glamorgan.

Jobs created from the Technical Academy, together with the trainees attending, would result in a multi million pound annual injection into the local economy.

The Aerospace Business Park could potentially provide some 2,000 further jobs for the area together with exciting new training opportunities for aeronautical businesses

across Wales. In addition further benefits would be gained through businesses working in close liaison with universities and further education colleges.

Proposed facilities will include sports pitches, tennis courts, a running track, crèche, military museum, interdenominational church and a swimming pool. Whilst predominantly for military personnel and to ensure an additional burden is not placed on existing facilities within the community, it is anticipated that a number of these would be available for the public to use at certain times.

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Your views are important to us!

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Comments:



## A commitment to consult and communicate

**THE ST ATHAN TEAM IS COMMITTED TO AN ONGOING PROGRAMME OF CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE BUILD UP TO SUBMITTING A PLANNING APPLICATION IN SPRING 2009.**

Consultation began in 2006 when the Vale of Glamorgan Council (VoGC) in partnership with Metrix, the Welsh Assembly Government and the MOD consulted widely on the draft St Athan Development Brief. The consultation included a public exhibition and was instrumental in shaping the plans for St Athan's redevelopment.

Since initial consultation, the team has been actively engaged in considering various important aspects of the masterplan and is now pleased to recommence the public consultation process.

Whilst plans for the redevelopment of MOD St Athan have moved forward since initial consultation, much of the detail is still to be agreed and there is considerable scope for comments and ideas from within the community to influence the evolving plans.

Your views really do count. Following initial public consultation, plans to redirect the Eglwys Brewis Road around the perimeter of the site have now been abandoned. Instead, the road will remain in its current location but improvement work will be undertaken to make it safer.



## What Happens Next?

Between now and the proposed submission of a planning application, there will be an ongoing programme of consultation including the distribution of newsletters, a regularly updated web-site, workshops and a series of public exhibitions. A dedicated consultation phone line and e-mail address will also make it as easy as possible for comments to be made and questions asked.

If you would like to contact us and register your interest in becoming involved in the consultation process, we would like to hear from you.

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