# GRAVEN HILL D1 SITE, BICESTER

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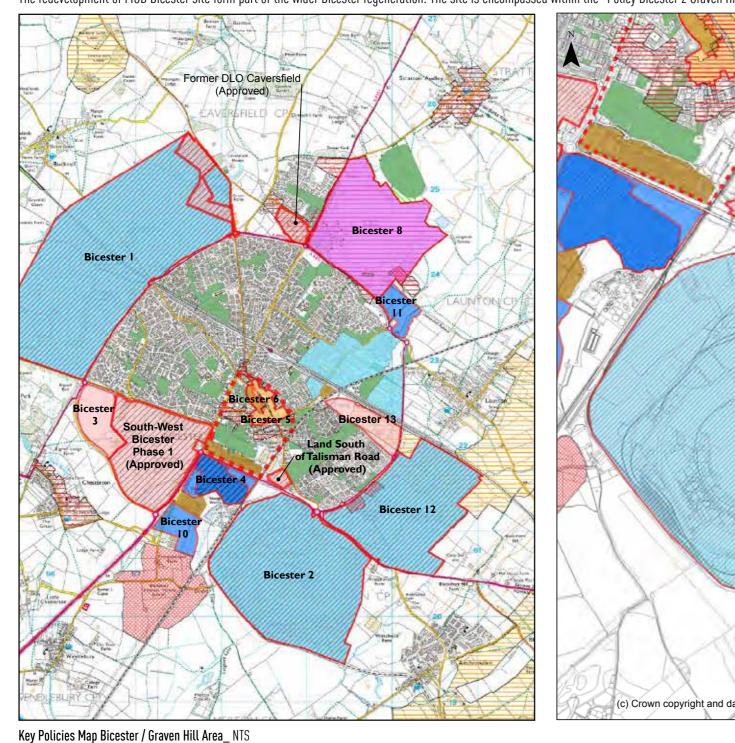
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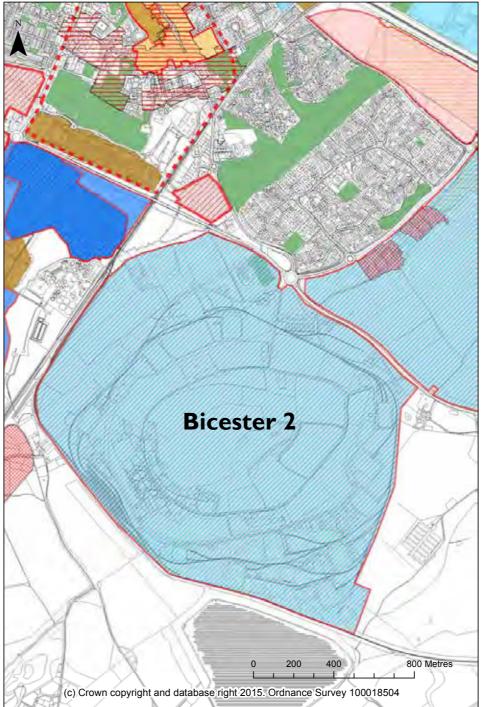
# FOREWORD



### THE GRAVEN HILL MASTERPLAN

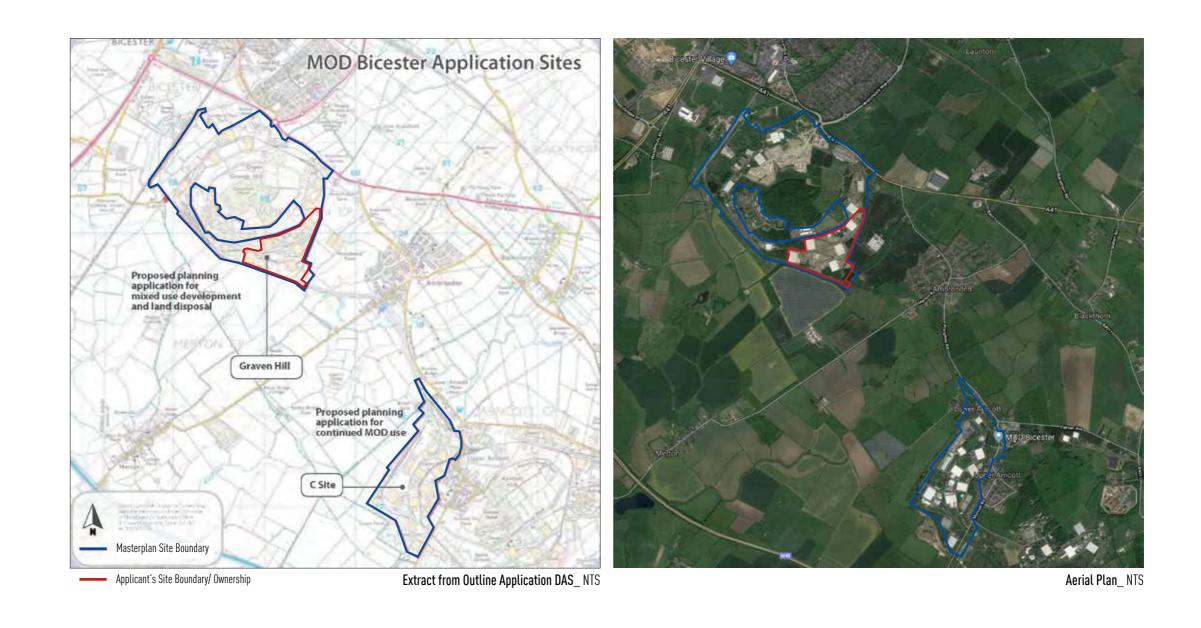
The redevelopment of MOD Bicester site form part of the wider Bicester regeneration. The site is encompassed within the "Policy Bicester 2 Graven Hill".







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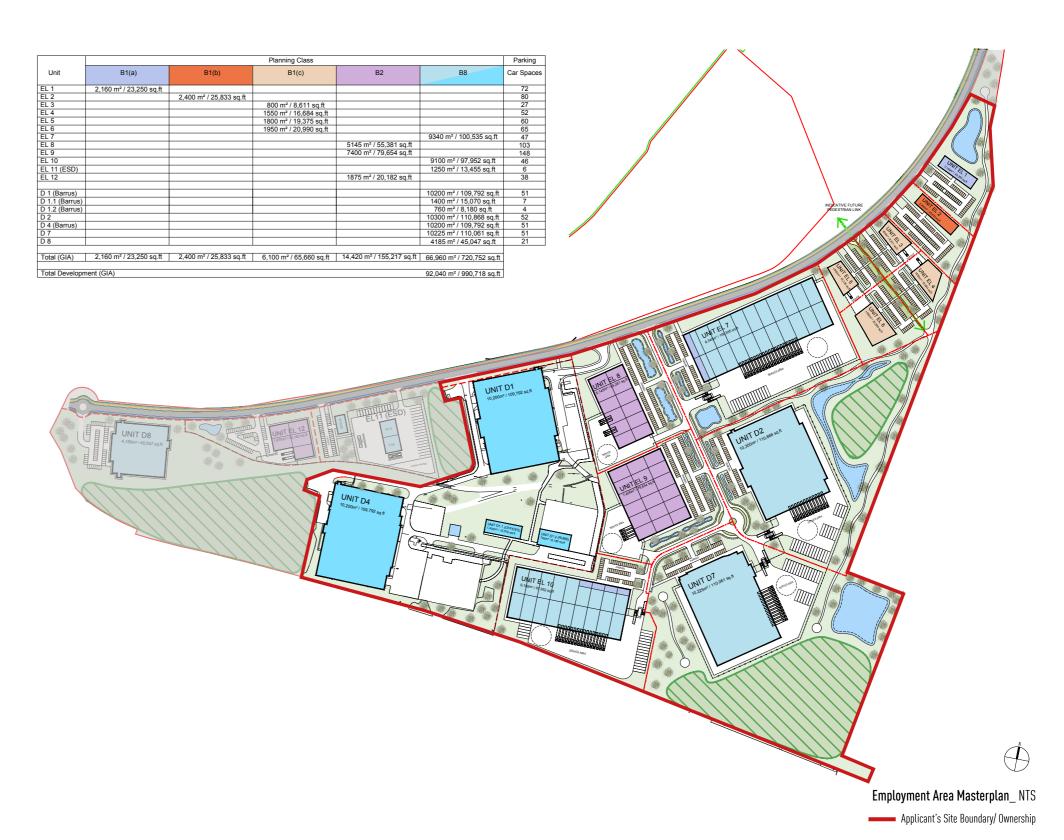
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The planning permission grants approval for "...employment floorspace comprising up to B1(a) 2,160sqm, B1(b) 2,400sqm, B1(c) 6,100sqm and B2 14,420sqm and B8 uses up to 66,960sqm..." total of 92,040sqm. The consented masterplan for this area shows how these uses might be disposed around the employment area.

There is also a separate planning application (20/02415/F) to provide a new dedicated Employment Access Road (EAR) forming the new northern boundary. The application was approved in April 2021 with the aim for it to be fully implemented by July 2022. The Road is currently in construction.

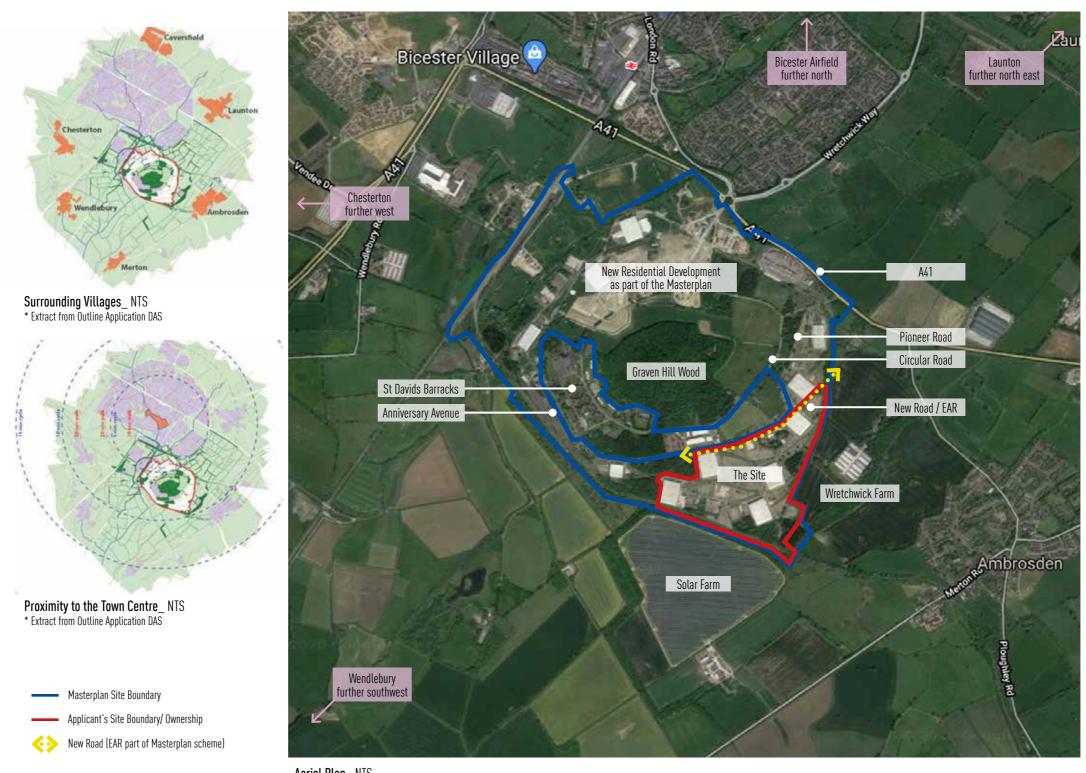
Within the application site (shown within the red boundary), there is currently a provision to provide total development GIA of **84,730 sqm / 912,026 sq ft** made up of;

B1(a) Offices	2,160 sqm
B1(b) Research/ development	2,400 sqm
B1(c) Industrial Processes	6,100 sqm
B2 General Industrial	12,545 sqm
B8 Storage or Distribution (New)	20,600 sqm
B8 Storage or Distribution (Existing)	40,925 sqm



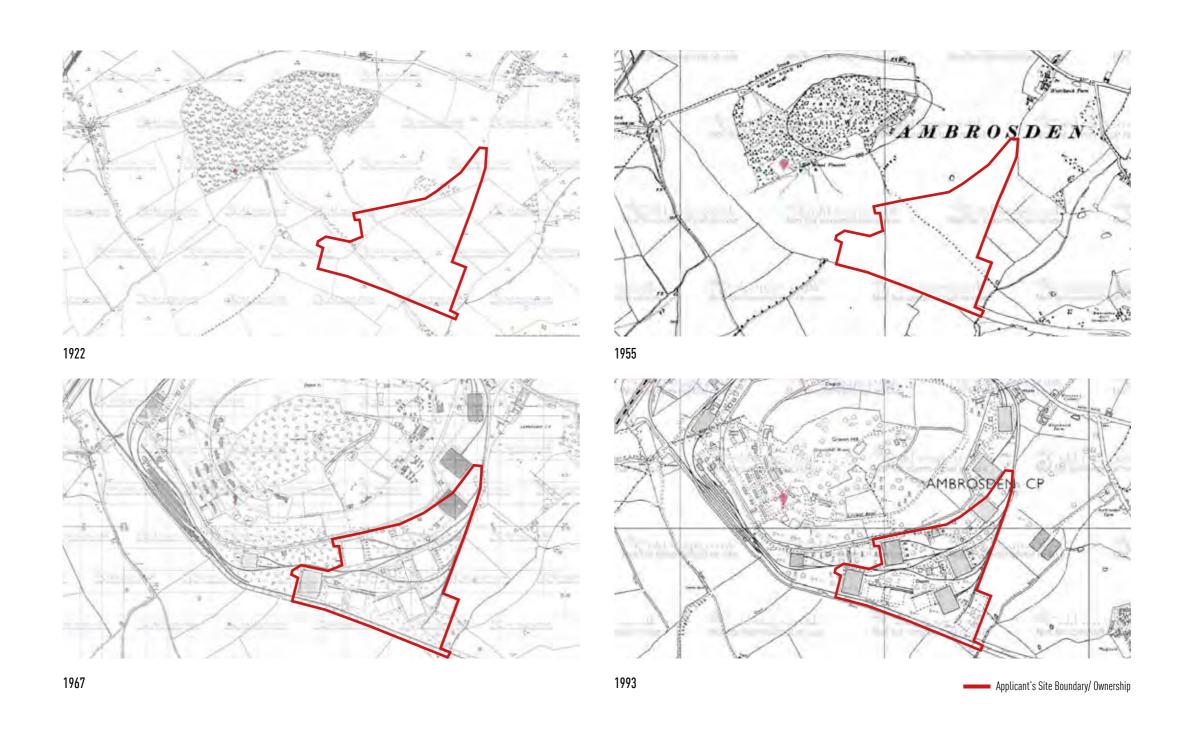


## WIDER CONTEXT

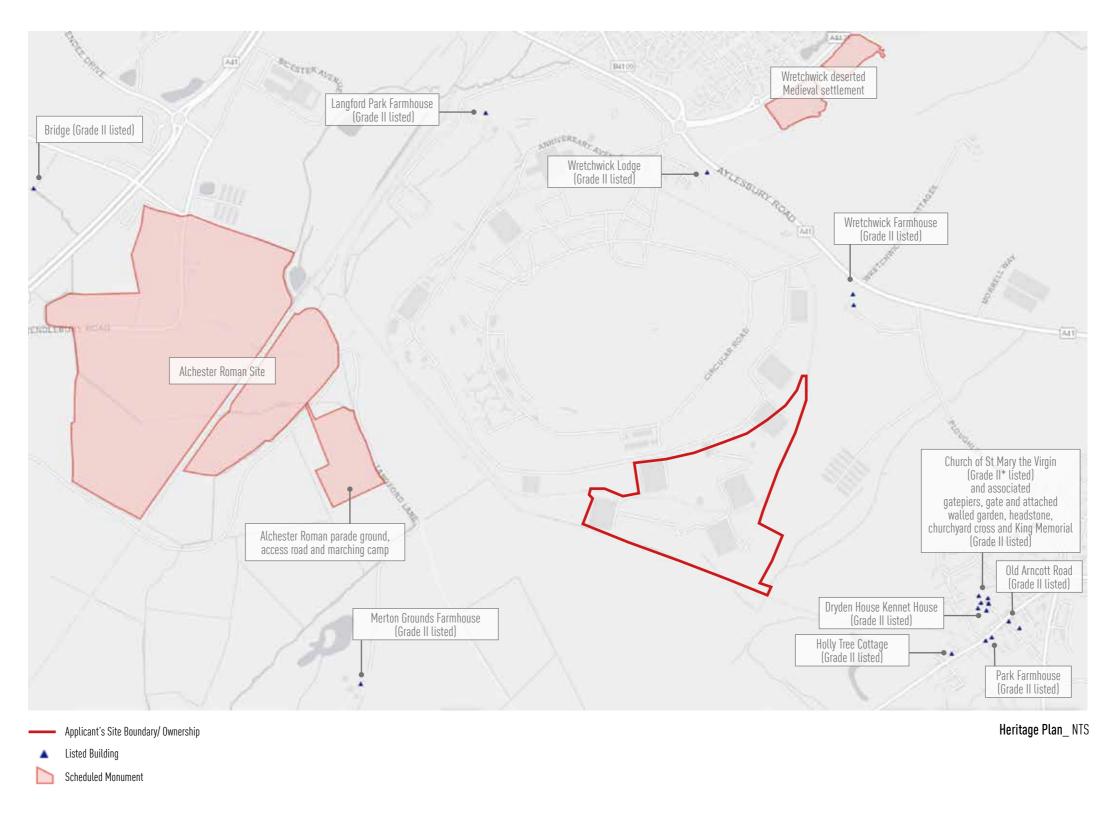


Aerial Plan\_ NTS

# HISTORY OF GRAVEN HILL



## ARCHAEOLOGY / HERITAGE



# FLOODING



## ECOLOGY - ONGOING SURVEYS



Application boundary

Phase 1 Habitats

Semi-Natural Broadleaved Woodland Hardstanding

+--- Fence

Pond

Building

Broadleaved Tree

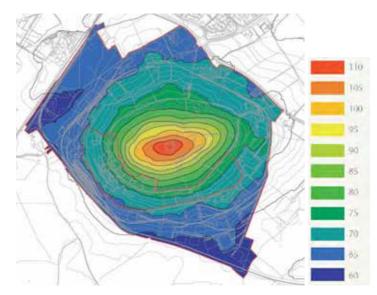
Dry ditches - Wet ditches

### **EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY**

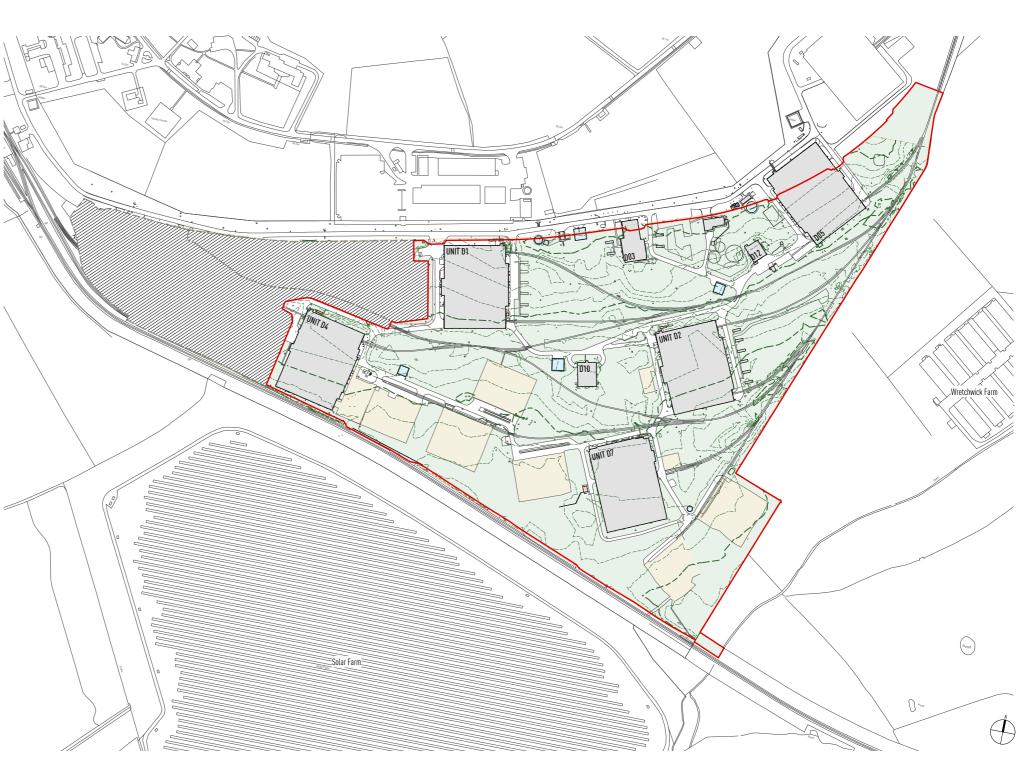
Graven Hill, 115m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD), provides a central, high point to the Site. The Hill is broadly elliptical in shape and oriented with its long axis broadly east to west. The lower parts of the hill slope very gently, with a gradient of around 1 in 30. The gradient increases in steepness in the central band to 1 in 14 gradient and at its steepest towards the top of the hill at a 1 in 10 gradient.

The level rise from 61.5m AOD along the south boundary of the applicant site to north boundary 71m AOD at highest near the existing D6 unit. The slope across the site is gentle and it generally appears flat. There are some local variations mostly forming the banks around the railway tracks, which will be removed and levelled in preparation for the proposed development. The banks within the retained green spaces, it is intended to be retained as much as possible as a landscaping feature.

The site geology consists of made ground over sandy Oxford Clay which is soft at its top but becomes firmer with depth. The overall strategy is to keep site levels as similar as reasonably practical to existing, by working with the existing site gradient. The strategy aims to reduce the volume of material imported to and exported from the site, as well as the quantity of earth moved within the site itself.



Graven Hill Topography\_NTS



Existing Topography Plan\_ NTS



#### EXISTING SITE / BUILDING USE

The site was used as military storage and distribution containing 5 main warehouses (D1, D2, D4, D5, and D7; use class B8), number of smaller ancillary buildings (D10 a smaller warehouse and D20 Sub-station) and a fire station complex to north of D12 unit.

The buildings on Graven Hill date from between 1941 and the post-1980s. The existing buildings at our application site specifically date back to 1941. The existing warehouse buildings have been operational until relatively recently with an active maintenance regime. That said, the applicant's Due Diligence (DD) has revealed that the existing cladding materials are not compliant with minimum fire protection stipulations (potentially making them uninsurable) and significant repair works would be required to make the buildings weather-tight resulting in potential prohibitive costs to reinstate their safe use.

As part of the ongoing Employment Access Road (EAR) construction, existing buildings D03, D05, D12, the fire station and associated ancillary structures have been demolished by the Seller's team.

As detailed in the current on-going Demolition Application (ref.22/00835/F), the Outline Application also seeks permission of demolition of rest of buildings on site which comprises of of 42,074 sqm / 452,880 sq ft of Class B8 use; and introduction of a Bat Barn (30.75 sqm / 331 sq ft) to South East corner of the site.

Unit D1	10,200 sqm
Unit D2	10,300 sqm
Unit D4	10,200 sqm
Unit D7	10,225 sqm
Unit D10	868 sqm
Unit D20	38 sqm
9 no. of Munition Stores	243 sqm

