

Part C: About the Asset

Name of asset	Greenham Common Control Tower and associated land
Address or location of asset	Burys Bank Road, Greenham
Description of the asset and its boundaries (you are encouraged to attach a photo and/or a plan as supporting evidence). Please read the accompanying guidance notes.	The Greenham Common Control Tower and adjacent land which WBC has indicated it will place on the open market. Please see area outlined in red on map previously submitted by GPC and provided by WBC
Does anyone live at the asset? If yes, please give details	No
Reasons for nomination: Why do you believe the asset is of community value? (You are encouraged to attach supporting evidence) <i>Any information entered here may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating; the rest of your nomination will not be shared with the owner.</i>	<p>Greenham Parish Council submits this bid for the listing of the RAF Greenham Common Control Tower as an Asset of Community Value under the terms of Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011. GPC has taken advice from the Department of Communities and Local Government (Mr Albert Joyce) and it is advised that the unrestricted use of the land attached to the Control Tower by the public is sufficient for it to be deemed to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the community (s.88 (1) (a)). The building itself does not have to have been so used. Even if the Control Tower could not be listed GPC would in any case seek the listing of the land attached and shown within the red line on the map provided.</p> <p>This application is made by Greenham Parish Council, the parish council in whose area the asset lies. The building and land comprise Greenham Common Control Tower and part of the attached land in the ownership of West Berkshire District Council and not part of Greenham Common (CL 13). The building and land are currently unoccupied.</p> <p>The land attached to the Control Tower is integral to the recreational use by the public of Greenham Common. It has been routinely enjoyed by members of the public since the airbase was restored to public use and it is seen by the public as an inherent part of the Common. There is no clear indication that it is not and the public has been allowed unfettered access.</p>



That the Control Tower itself is iconic and a valued part of the local area is well documented and is underlined by the recent decision to award it Grade II Listed status.

Sale of the land to a third party would have, or might well have, a detrimental effect on the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community by curtailing or limiting the current free enjoyment of the land. Sale of the building would have a similar detrimental effect by denying the local community the opportunity to develop the building for community use, including (but not only):

- A Visitor Centre and observation point for Greenham Common as it is today (the natural environment);
- A Visitor Centre covering the ecological and archaeological history of Greenham Common
- A Visitor Centre covering the military history of Greenham Common;
- Education/training facilities;
- A base for nature and history tours across the Common (walking tours, and possibly also using electric golf-cart type buggies to enable access by disabled and less mobile people);
- Meeting room/rooms available for community use and hire;
- A coffee shop serving tea/coffee and light refreshments (also servicing the meeting rooms);
- A gift shop selling Greenham Common memorabilia and trinkets;
- A farm shop selling local produce (including perhaps meat from animals grazed on the Common);
- Office facilities to support the above;
- Office and/or meeting facilities for GPC;
- Office facilities for Greenham Common Rangers etc;
- Office facilities for Greenham Common Commission;
- Public toilets;
- A lift (for disabled access to the observation floor);

It is therefore requested that Greenham Common Control Tower and the associated adjacent land is listed as an Asset of Community Value under the provisions of Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 as they further the social wellbeing and social interests of the community.



	<p>For information, GPC also notes that its interest in acquiring the Control Tower and associated land is not driven by the provisions of the Localism Act but predates it, as previous correspondence with WBC will testify. GPC also draws attention to its commitment to the maintenance of historic artefacts within the Parish. The Baseball Scoreboard at John W Mello Field http://www.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=22062 is a case in point. GPC has recently agreed the shot blasting and re-coating of the support structure and arranged the renovation of the scoreboard by USAF personnel at RAF Welford in order to preserve this important local artefact.</p>
Current owner's name and address (if known)	West Berkshire District Council

You are encouraged to attach photos, maps, plans and other documents to help us correctly identify the asset and to support your nomination.

