

Here you should summarise the aspects of the *application* you agree and/or disagree with and say why. Outline what information, local knowledge or evidence you have which supports this. Please aim to limit this section to no more than 500 words (please use extra paper if needed).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Neither was it ever a large employer and never employed more people than a supermarket does. It is now being trumpeted by those who wish to see it reopened that it could employ thirty thousand, this is fantasy.  
What Thetford is lacking are brown field sites to accommodate the 17,140 housing units that Thetford District Council are obliged to have built in the period to 2031.  
The Merston site if used for housing would alleviate the necessity to further agricultural land being sacrificed.  
A few miles from Merston was the old RAF Aerodrome at Hawkings near Faldstone this was developed and is now a thriving community that has greatly enhanced the area.  
Common sense would seem to suggest that Merston should be developed along similar lines.  
There are other considerations not least noise pollution that would greatly impinge on those at the receiving end.  
In the interests of Thetford citizens who are the silent majority here please look favourably on the proposed redevelopment of the Merston site.

Please check that you have completed all relevant sections, otherwise you may not be able to take part in the later stages of the examination.

Please sign your form, print your name and give today's date, below:

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