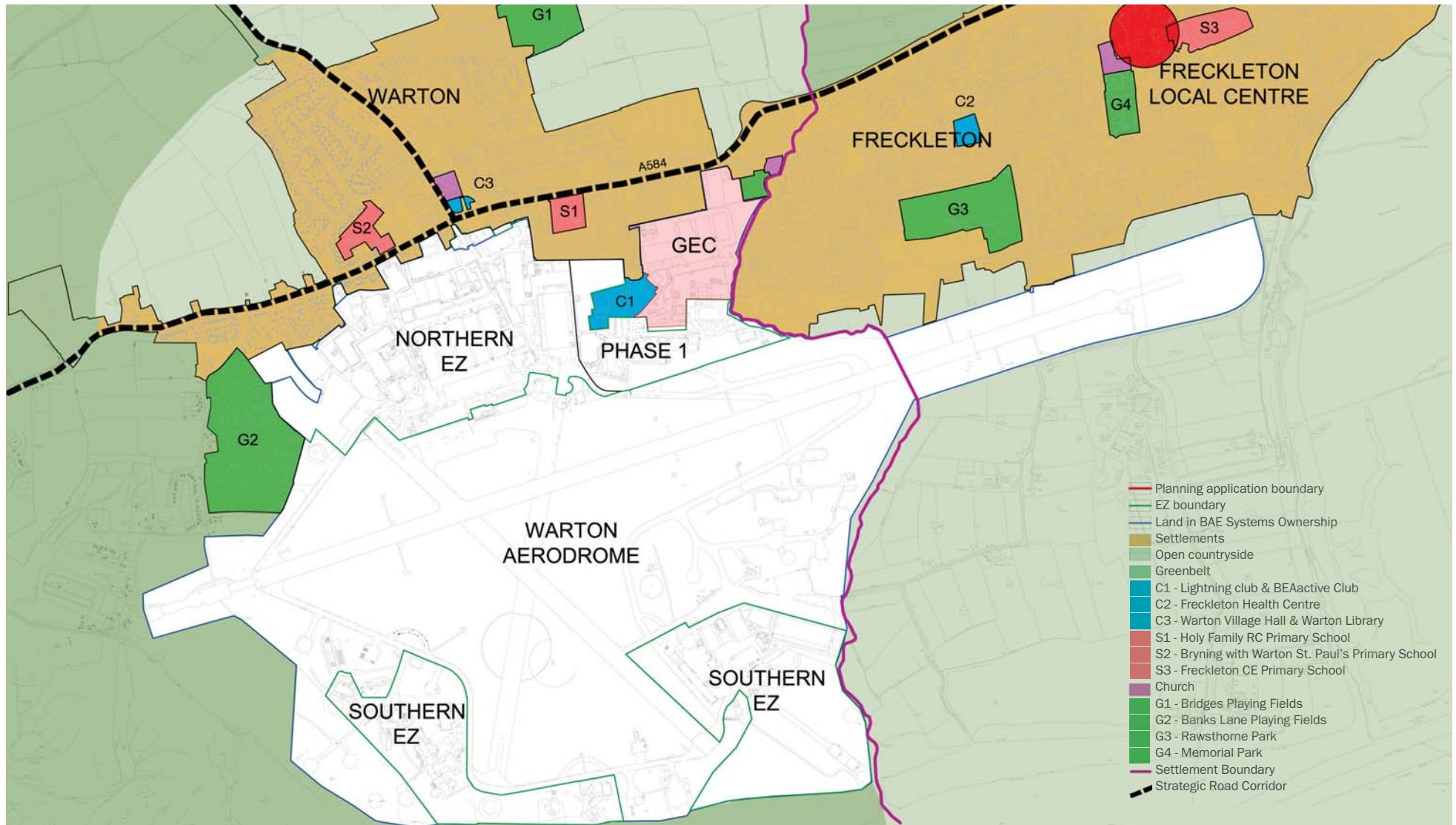


Site context

The site is located within the north-east corner of the BAE Systems Warton Aerodrome site. It adjoins Pool Stream which forms the settlement boundary between Warton and Freckleton. The A584 Lytham Road which is the key east-west transport route through Warton and Freckleton is to the north of the site. Housing lies to the north and east of the site. Part of the Aerodrome has been identified as an Enterprise Zone for new advanced engineering and manufacturing development. The first phase of the EZ is located adjacent to the site.



Historical development

In 1939 land to the west of Pool Stream was purchased and development of the airfield began in 1940. In 1942 three aircraft hangars and three supply warehouses were built. A theatre to support army personnel was located in the north part of the site.

British Aerospace acquired the airfield in 1948. In 1960 English Electric purchased part of the site and operated it as GEC Reinforced Plastics Ltd until 1992. BAE Systems acquired the site in 1993. All the buildings were demolished between 1991 - 2010.

Site plan

The site measures 7.82ha and incorporates:

- The former GEC Reinforced Plastics factory which was accessed off Mill Lane. This area is made up of hardstanding with some self-seeded trees and scrub along the eastern boundary.
- Predominantly hardstanding land associated with the BAE Systems Warton Aerodrome used for hire car facilities and waste recycling. It is accessed from within the Aerodrome's secure area.
- Land adjacent to Lytham Road that contained a cinema (the former theatre) and two houses (now demolished).

