

CLIENT

Spaceworks

PROJECT NAME

Hangar 45

LOCATION

Yatesbury Airfield

SOLUTIONS IN PLANNING FOR

Planning permission for 29 live/work units



Highly sustainable reuse of a WW2 Hangar for 29 Live Work units and associated community facilities.

The hanger in question formed part of a former military airfield that was used during the first and second world wars. This hanger was used during WWII and following the closure of Yatesbury Airfield was then utilised for the storage and distribution of animal feed.

Hunter Page Planning examined potential reuses for the site and suggested a live/work reutilisation. Following careful negotiation with North Wilshire District Council, Hunter Page obtained planning permission for 29 live/work units, which will largely be carbon neutral and transform the dilapidated former aircraft hanger. The conversion is defined by an internal commercial street which will hide parking and traffic and enable each live/work unit to open onto the surrounding countryside which forms part of the Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The external fabric of the existing structure and its supporting steel frame is retained through the conversion. Internally, pods are inserted to form each of the units.

This live/work scheme represents the first contemporary live/work space in a rural environment and boasts a range of sustainable features including combined heat and power and wind turbines.

In planning terms, this proposal represents a sustainable reuse of the building that will help businesses start-up and other businesses to grow, by allowing the combination of workspace and living costs to be borne by one property. Through an assessment of planning policy and the local economy, Hunter Page were also able to demonstrate the demand for this type of development to prevent the out-migration of local businesses and tenant resources.

