

The first International Conference on Defence Sites: Heritage and Future has been held in Portsmouth (Uk) from 6th to 8th June, 2012.

The conference aimed to raise the knowledge of the scale, design and functions of military, naval and air force sites. It brought a better understanding to the issues raised by their redundancy, and the implications of different disposal processes for state owned land. It was also focused on the interaction of different stakeholders and their influence on the outcome.

Redundant army, naval and air force sites offer a range of opportunities to planners, developers, architects and local communities to redevelop large areas, bringing new life to often neglected parts of town. These opportunities are common to many countries and this first International Conference on Defence Sites: Heritage and Future helped to stress their common features and share experiences of their transformation to civilian uses all over the world.

For further information: <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/12-conferences/defence-sites-heritage-and-future-2012.html>