

Goonhilly, Helston

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The Project

Alder King has been appointed by BT to let surplus office and workshop accommodation at Goonhilly in Helston.

The properties were on the same site as the Goonhilly Earth Station the largest of its kind in the world, occupying an area of approximately 160 acres (65 hectares) of predominately level heath land and were no longer used by the telecoms company. Much of the site is covered by the Goonhilly Downs Site of Special Scientific Interest and its natural heath contains 17 of some of the rarest plants to be found in the UK. There are several tumuli or ancient burial mounds within the site and the Drytree standing stone exists just on the edge of the boundary. The site is home to satellite dishes of various sizes, the largest dish being 46 metres in height.

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Goonhilly had numerous potential advantages for occupiers, including a guaranteed uninterrupted power supply, access to high speed telecommunications and use of a video conferencing suite and audio visual room. It also has onsite sporting facilities, which include a football pitch and tennis courts.

Alder King, after the initial report, were instructed to let a mix of offices extending to 32,000 sq ft (2,973 sq m), workshop and storage buildings that offer over 20,000 sq ft (1,858 sq m) of accommodation and a 7,936 sq ft (737 sq m) motor transport garage and bulkstore. This has now been put on hold as there are security issues to be addressed.

In view of the present and foreseeable economic and technological climate, it is likely that the future of the site will be secured by a mix of compatible uses that recognise the site's unique qualities, cultural importance, as well its environmental constraints. BT's development of a wind turbine scheme for Goonhilly is a leading example of such a usage that intends steer and promote new development opportunities.