

Go-ahead given for homes on old factory site

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Triplex Components, off Lincoln Road.

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A former Peterborough factory which has been left derelict for years will soon be transformed into a new housing development.

The old Perkins factory in Lincoln Road, Walton will be turned into a development with 117 new houses after planning permission was granted by Peterborough City Council.

The factory was built in the First World War to construct aeroplanes and became known as the "forgotten factory" after Perkins, who bought the site in 1957, announced it would close it in 1985. It was sold for £11.7 million in 1989 to The Parkfield Group, operating as Triplex, and finally closed down in 2000.

Much of it was demolished in 2010 and only its iconic tower, which will be converted into two apartments, remains.

Construction of the homes will begin in December and the news was welcomed by Walton ward Councillor Nick Sandford.

He said: "The site has been derelict for a number of years and residents in Windsor Avenue nearby have had problems with kids getting into the site and setting fires, and throwing rubble into gardens. "The tower has also been allowed to get into a dilapidated condition and there have been problems with pigeons. It is very good news it will be used for a constructive purpose.

"One of the big issues though will be the fact it is located between the busy Lincoln Road and the East Coast Mainline.

"I hope there will be good sound-proofing. I also hope there is some provision for open space in the development as there needs to be more in this area."

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“The first 85 properties are then expected to take around 18 months to complete.

“This is an excellent example of our ability to put brownfield sites back to good use for the benefit of the entire community.

“The scheme will not only provide homes for hundreds of local people but also a number of training and employment opportunities, providing a positive boost to the local economy.”

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