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Old Royal Mail site in Barrack Road is 'structurally unsound'

Published Date: 23 April 2010

A former Royal Mail sorting office in Northampton has been declared structurally "unsafe" after thieves caused damage to the inside of the building.

The three-acre site in Barrack Road was destroyed in a fire in September 2003 and has been subject to a large amount of vandalism in recent years.

Last year, Royal Mail installed a fence around the perimeter of the building to try to keep thieves and vandals out but the site has now been declared "unsafe" as the result of damage to cabling caused by a recent attempted theft of copper wiring.

A spokesman for Royal Mail said a warning sign had been put up on the outside of the building and further security measures were planned.

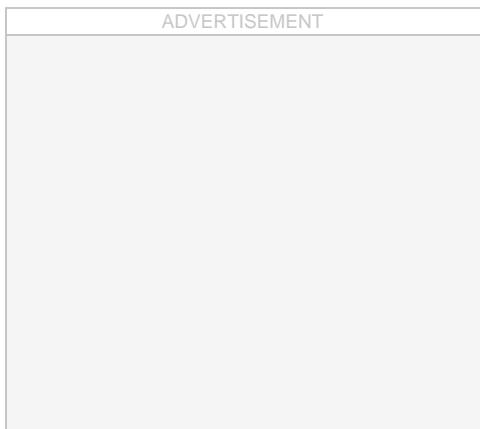
The spokesman said: "At the Barrack Road site further damage caused by theft from the building has made the interior unsafe and we have installed a warning sign. We are again making security measures on site more robust."

The future of the Barrack Road site has been the subject of much speculation in recent years and representatives from Tesco are believed to have met with the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation last September to discuss the possibility of building a supermarket on the site.

Speaking to the Chronicle & Echo last year, Tesco spokesman Tony Fletcher said: "This has been discussed, we can't deny that, but there's no formal conclusion."

But Stephen Welyczko, who used to work at the sorting office and lives nearby, said he did not think it was an appropriate place to build a supermarket.

He said: "Personally I would think it would be a very strange place to have a supermarket. It's a terrible place in terms of traffic, but it is a very big site."



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1 Terry Thomas,
Northampton 23/04/2010 12:41:34

Sorry, It's taken them how long to realise that a derelict building is going to be targetted for theft and vandalism?
do that know they are in Northampton

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2 ,
23/04/2010 12:55:36

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3 AndAnd,
23/04/2010 13:25:46

Seems a bit odd that a 3 acre site in the center of Northampton, walking distance from the town center and the train station is left rotting. But the council persist in building on every bit of green space around Northampton which is so far from the center of town everone in these areas has to drive, bus or taxi into town.

The Post office must be loaded with money if they can afford such a site to just lay derelict for 7 years and the fact that nothing has been done about it shows how pointless and ineffective the town council are.

Is no one capable of organising themselves enough to actualy do anything?

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23/04/2010 14:28:58

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6 Worried but Happy,
23/04/2010 16:09:33

i don't need to get a grip... i live in the eastern district, my comment was aimed at the people who hate the eastern district.

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7 Worried but Happy,
23/04/2010 17:27:33

i'm glad i had a week or so off from commenting it was getting on my nerves
people keep deleting comments...

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8 Me a Resident,
23/04/2010 17:29:29

Yet again some of us are denied the opportunity to read others opinions because of nanny censorship. Were the deleted comments really that bad or offensive? Or did someone not like what they read? Perhaps the truth was too painful for some to read?

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Posted twice just in case the numpty serial deleters missed this the first time!

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controversial goal
cross the line in
1966?

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32% NO

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Northampton 23/04/2010 19:21:42

typical northampton - derelict buildings - hoardings - dreadful monstrosity of a town centre shopping centre

Always been a mess. Has this town heard of town planning ?

7 years to get this sorted.

DOUBLE the business rates on empty buildings - they won't stay empty or derelict for very long !!

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