

Following recent rumour and speculation, it has been revealed that the billionaire heir to the JCB empire, Mr Jo Bamford, is behind plans to buy BAE Systems' Woodford site with a view to transforming the 500 acre site into film studios, housing and a leisure complex, including an equestrian centre and point-to-point race course. The plans involve creating a film studio at the south of the site, while a mix of affordable and luxury homes would be built to the north. Woodford's historic links with the aviation industry will be maintained with the retention of the runway and the development of a new heritage centre on the site of the original Avro hanger.

Read the full story in the Manchester Evening News Business web page <u>http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/business/s/1462075_bae-woodford-site-purchaser-revealed-as-jcb-heir</u>

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Circulation of this newsflash:- in recent months the circulation of the newsletters or newsflashes produced by Woodford Community Council has increased dramatically. This reflects the fact that the steps involved in the planning process are now coming thick and fast. The next few months will be critical in determining the planning documents relating to the airfield. If you know of someone who could be interested in how the airfield develops, or in how the surrounding communities could be affected, then please pass this newsflash on to them. If you have received this news-flash from a friend, sign up for future issues by sending a simple request to newsletter@woodfordcommunity.co.uk

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