

Friends of Malmi Airport

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The Friends of Malmi Airport have approached DOCOMOMO Suomi Finland with a request of support for the application to include Malmi Airport on the World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites. Malmi Airport has been on this list twice, in 2004 and 2006.

Aviation activities have thus far remained at Malmi, but the planning of land use for e.g. residential purposes has advanced. The draft of the new City Plan of Helsinki is currently on public display, and in it the area of Malmi Airport is the foremost area to be developed by supplementary building in northeastern Helsinki.

The understanding of DOCOMOMO Suomi Finland is that the cessation of aviation activities would inevitably cause a profound change in the valuable whole of the airport. Thus the inclusion of Malmi Airport on the World Monuments Watch List of 100 is as justifiable now as it was in the early 2000's.

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