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It's Peterborough or Boston Decision time gets nearer for the Museum of Brexit

After 18 months of locational research, market trawling and site visits covering the UK, the trustees of the Museum of Brexit have confirmed that the focus on the future location is now centred on a working shortlist of two sites.

Dr Rotherham, who has lead the Museum team in finding and appraising the options for a permanent site said,

“This has been a long and involved process. Each of the 50 initial locations were put through a matrix of 14 criteria. This brought the long list down to a point where we could review individual sites on a separate set of fresh criteria relating to the buildings themselves. This was a difficult task as there are some remarkable sites out there.

“Everything from size, cost, transport links, support or otherwise from the local community, and council, through to ability to hire - local wage rates etc were considered.

“In the end we have decided that the two buildings most suitable for our needs are in the town of Boston in Lincolnshire, or the City of Peterborough. Both of these buildings would match the requirements of the Museum in display space, archive space, and the ability to run educational programs.

“What is vital is that this project is sustainable, financially and historically. We are not looking at the next 10 years, we are looking at the next hundred.

“It is an exciting time for all of us at the Museum, and we are now going through the plans and discussing with the relevant stakeholders about exactly where we will be based, and from there we will be able to start the process of creating a museum that will be able to talk about the history of Brexit, but also the longer story of the United Kingdom's sovereignty, its international ties of trade and culture and the personal stories that bring this epoch making period of our history to life.”

The Museum of Brexit is a project that is supported by many on both sides of the referendum question, and aims to provide a fair and balanced view of the campaign and what led up to the campaign.

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