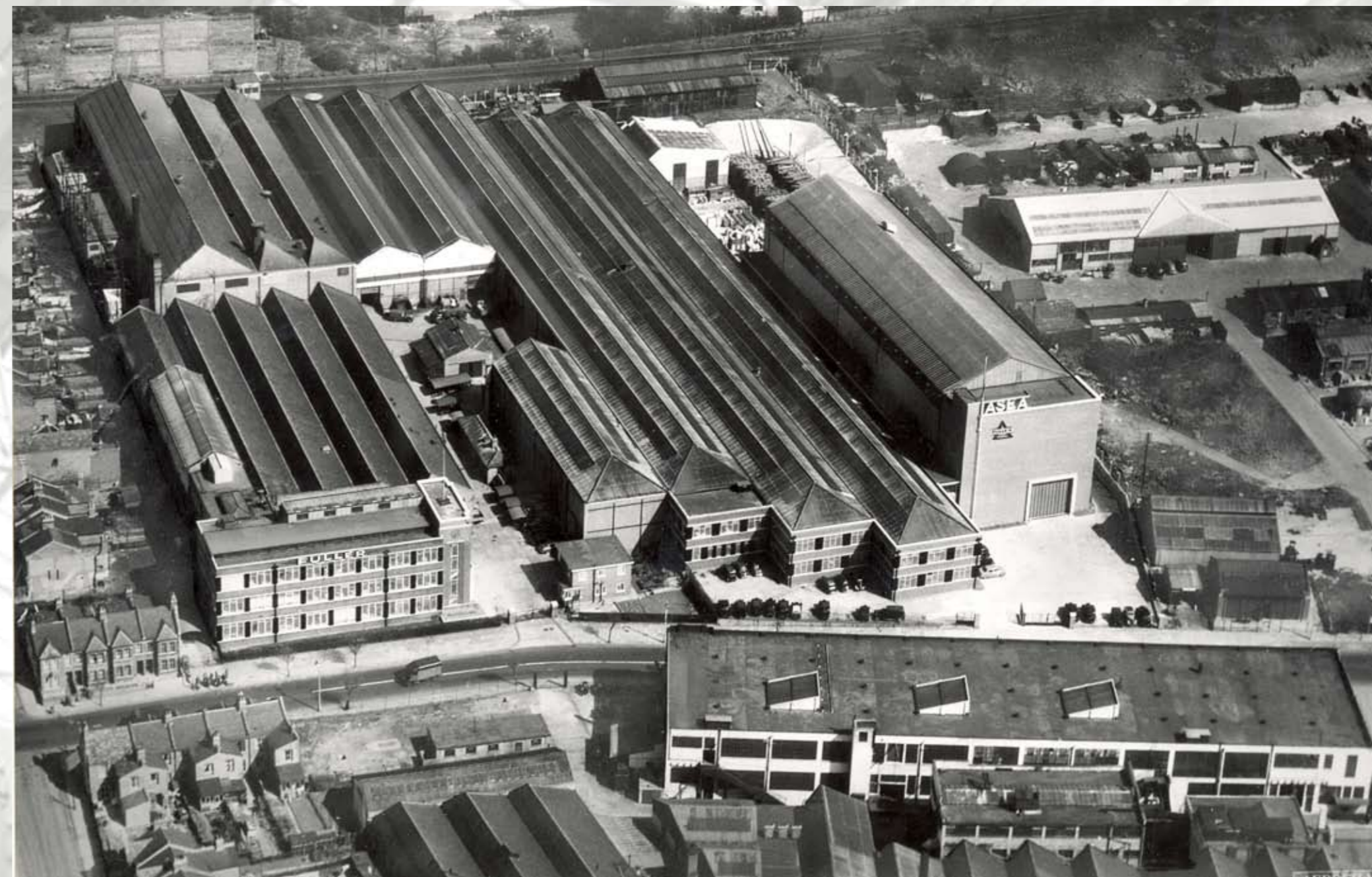


A POWERFUL PAST

For more than 100 years, Hawker Siddeley Power Transformers was at the forefront of British engineering. The factory in Fulbourne Road provided jobs for thousands of local people, producing power transformers, tapchangers and electric motors. The company closed in 2003. This exhibition explores the history of the factory and celebrates the achievements of its staff.



aerial view of Fulbourne Road site

The exhibition combines photography, oral history and archival material. Local photographer Paul Tucker documented the factory before it was demolished. His powerful photographs invite questions about the site and form the starting point of the exhibition. Former employees then take up the story. The Waltham Forest Oral History Workshop records memories of the Borough and preserves them for future generations. They interviewed eight former HSPT employees, extracts of their memories are on display.

The oral history is displayed alongside material from the collection of Vestry House Museum and Waltham Forest Archives, including official company photographs by Albert Bale.

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