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Subject: BDB/71694 (Your Ref:09/02396/COMIND) AWE Aldermaston, Aldermaston, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4PR



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FW: Tadley Town
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RE: Acolaid Case
BDB/71694 AW...

Mr Inwards

Please find enclosed the Local Planning Authority's response to the application at AWE Aldermaston.

A hard copy on Council headed paper will be posted to your Authority in due course.

Kind regards

Robert Franks

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Mr C Inwards
West Berkshire Council
Council Offices
Market Street
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RG14 5LD

Our Ref: BDB/71694

8 January 2010

Dear Mr Inwards

Location: AWE Aldermaston, Aldermaston, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4PR
Proposal: Replacement facility for the storage and handling of enriched uranium covering 18,489 sq m gross floor space on a 10,496 sq m footprint, including office accommodation, storage facilities, material handling areas and ancillary support services. Construction related infrastructure is also proposed including access roads, construction compound, fencing, gates and ancillary facilities
West Berkshire contact: Clive Inwards
Ref: 09/02396/COMIND
Please be advised this application is decided by West Berkshire Council

I refer to the above mentioned application. Thank you for allowing the Local Planning Authority an extended time limit of response until the 8 January 2010.

Whilst the Council accepts that there is a need to discontinue the operations within the existing outdated facilities, there has not been a review, involving proper public consultation to question if Aldermaston is the best suited location for the new facility. This is in light of the changes in population and employment numbers around the site and over recent years.

As you are aware, the Health and Safety Executive's view on development proposals which increase population with the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for AWE is to 'advise against'. Given the current population levels and the benefits of sustainable growth to local communities a review, as suggested above, may lead to a different approach or design and/or further improvements to safety.

It could be the case that the development, which this council would expect to be built to the highest levels of safety standards, may provide some scope to the Health & Safety Executive to allow sustainable growth within the Tadley and Baughurst area, but this issue should be understood now, so that this Council can effectively respond to this planning application and subsequently manage future development within the local area. A response on this issue is sought.

In the same vein, if there is a net increase in the number of employees within the site as a result of the development, there would be concerns that any additional population generated by the development may have a direct impact on the future growth of surrounding settlements in the longer term – i.e. it would further reduce capacity. The proposals may also have implications for the Off Site Emergency Plan if there would be a net gain of employees. If this was the case, it would seem contradictory for the AWE to be able to increase the number of employees in scale whilst hindering population growth in the surrounding area. Confirmation that there will be no increase employment levels as a result of the development should therefore be given.

Safety and security of the site is of a primary concern. West Berkshire Council must seek confirmation that the equipment and items stored in the new building will not be any more hazardous than that which is stored at present. For example, will the development store the same "type" and "amount" as is stored presently, but in a safer and more secure way than the existing building does today and will the new facility be constructed to the highest levels of safety standards?

Should the planning application be approved, a justification for an increased implementation timeframe should be required of the applicant. If, as indicated above, the development would help to support a revised view on development within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone from the Health and Safety Executive's consideration should be given to a shorter timeframe for the development to be implemented, in order to allow sustainable development within the Tadley and the Baughurst areas.

I understand that you have consulted with Hampshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority. The Council's Highways Officer, has made separate comments to these in the respect of the ambiguity of the construction traffic routing plan submitted by the applicant, which is attached for your information. These comments are made without reference to any comments or objections you may receive from the County Council on the planning application. Covering other responses that have been received, the comments from Tadley Town Council have also been attached to this letter for your information purposes.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Franks on 01256 845681 or email robert.franks@basingstoke.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Nicky Linihan
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Subject: FW: Tadley Town Council comments on planning applications.

From: Tadley Council [mailto:clerk@tadleycouncil.org]

Sent: 22 December 2009 10:45

To: Jon Willetts; Heike Wetzstein; Matthew Taylor; Bethan Bramley; Robert Franks; Andrew Barber

Subject: Tadley Town Council comments on planning applications.

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Dear All

Please see Tadley Town Council's comments on planning applications below.

BDB/ 71694 AWE Aldermaston

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Comments Would like the Section 106 money from this development to be used to extend the cycle paths in Tadley.

Dorothy Oakley

Deputy Clerk

Tadley Town Council

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From: Owen Pocock [Owen.Pocock@basingstoke.gov.uk]
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To: Robert Franks
Cc: Jenkins, Stephen
Subject: RE: Acolaid Case BDB/71694 AWE Aldermaston

Robert

The support documents state that the site is predetermined for the uranium handling use. The specialist and support staff are already employed on site so there would be no additional employees or parking. The construction storage, handling and parking would all be accommodated within the AWE site. There would be some increase in traffic during construction but there is already background construction traffic associated with the other AWE projects - which would be diminishing when this project is programmed. The proposed accesses for construction traffic are from the western Paices Hill and the southern [Hampshire boundary] A340. It could be accepted that the specific use can only be practically located at AWE and that the overall employee traffic would not increase. So in that regard the application would be acceptable.

A construction traffic routing plan refers to the nearest motorway route being via J12 M4 however the accompanying diagram also shows a route from J6 M3 along A339 and A340 through Tadley town to the site. Steve Jenkins at HCC has been advised of this. I understand West Berks and Hampshire have an ongoing dialogue on the monitoring and management of construction traffic from the AWE site. The intention would be to continue that overview for the new project.

-----Original Message-----

From: Katharine Marchant
Sent: 04 December 2009 11:00
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