

**CASE OFFICER'S (CI) REPORT ON APPLICATION NUMBER
06/02423/RESMAJ**

Parish Council: No objections.

Highways: No comments.

Ministry of Defence: No safeguarding objections to this proposal.

Thames Water: No objection.

Environment Agency: Low environmental risk.

Archaeology: No archaeological assessment necessary.

Fire and Rescue Service: The applicant should consider providing private facilities which can be utilised to fight a fire.

5 letters of objection have been received and 1 letter of support. Grounds of objection relate to the proposal being part of the large Site Development Strategy Plan for AWE for which no environmental impact assessment has been carried out, the proposal would result in additional traffic resulting in further noise and disruption, a full public inquiry is called for, this proposal should not be considered in isolation, additional staff will require additional water supply and drainage, no decision should be taken which would pre-empt the Government's decision on the replacement of Trident and this decision should be deferred.

The letter of support states that there should be more office space available, particularly more modern buildings which could attract new workers and take the MOD into the future.

This application seeks approval of the reserved matters relating to the outline notification 05/01646/OUT. This outline application was reported to the Eastern Area Planning Committee on the 21st September 2005 and considered details of the design and external appearance of the modular temporary office accommodation buildings. The Committee Report also considered transport issues and there were no landscaping issues to address. The outline application included a red line area in which the two buildings would be sited but did not include specific details of siting. Accordingly the only reserved matter to now consider is the siting of each building.

Both buildings are to be located within a previously developed area of the AWE Aldermaston site and both would be approximately 270 metres from the nearest point on the site boundary. The impact of the buildings on the character and appearance of the area was considered in the Committee Report for the outline notification and it was concluded that given the distance to the perimeter and the number of intervening buildings, the impact of both buildings would not be unduly harmful. The siting details now for consideration show that the buildings would be sited either side of an existing two storey building which was constructed some 46 years ago and would be sited on an area which is currently hard surfaced and used for car parking. In these locations the impact of both buildings would be minimal and the specific siting is therefore considered to be acceptable.

As the siting is considered to be acceptable, this reserved matters application is recommended for approval subject to two conditions relating to a time limit for commencement and in accordance with the drawings submitted.