

**EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2010**

UPDATE REPORT

Item No: (1) Application No: **09/02396/COMIND** Page No. 15
 Site: AWE Aldermaston, Aldermaston, Reading

Planning Officer Presenting: Clive Inwards

Member Presenting: N/a

Parish Representative speaking: N/a

Objector(s) speaking: Peter Burt

Supporter(s) speaking: N/a

Applicant/Agent speaking: Andrew Jupp – AWE
 John Steele – AWE
 Chris Simkins – RPS
 Phil Parry - RPS

Ward Member: Cllr Neill

Update Information:

Further response from the Highway Authority:

In recent years there has already been a level of construction traffic associated with other AWE construction projects, particularly with the laser test facility Orion and the New Office Accommodation (NOA) or Gemini buildings approved early 2007 with planning application 06/02326/COMIND.

During March 2008, the following levels of construction vehicle movements were observed. Such projects such as Orion would have been underway along with commencement of Gemini:

Construction traffic	AM peak 08.00 to 09.00 (arriving + departing)	PM peak 17.00 to 18.00 (arriving + departing)	Daily (arriving + departing)
Small vehicles (cars and vans)	69	76	760
HGV's	21	1	134

As with previous proposals such as Orion and Gemini, 64% of HGV's will travel north along the A340 with the remainder going south along the A340 into Hampshire.

Orion and Gemini are now generally completed, and therefore it can be concluded that construction traffic levels have been higher in recent years than that which will be generated by this proposal. Projected future construction traffic flows are shown below:

Project		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
		MAR	SEP	MAR	SEP	MAR	SEP	MAR	SEP	MAR	SEP	MAR	SEP
PEGASUS	Construction Cars per day	21	28	28	111	235	278	271	178	117	64	67	94
	Construction HGVs per day	5	5	5	20	20	15	15	15	15	10	10	10
	Construction Light Vans per day	15	15	15	15	20	15	15	15	15	10	10	10
HYDRUS	Construction Cars per day	16	26	51	44	47	79	123	80	146	132	21	1
	Construction HGVs per day	3	11	4	14	3	7	23	12	14	9	1	0
	Construction Light Vans per day	2	4	2	2	4	3	10	5	14	9	1	0
HEFF	Construction Cars per day	54	70	70	70								
	Construction HGVs per day	10	3	3	3								
	Construction Light Vans per day	4	4	4	4								
TOTAL	Construction Cars per day	91	124	149	225	282	357	394	258	263	196	88	95
	Construction HGVs per day	18	19	12	37	23	22	38	27	29	19	11	10
	Construction Light Vans per day	21	23	21	21	24	18	25	20	29	19	11	10

Additional Consultation Response:

The Highways Agency has no confirmed that the application would have no material impact on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network. However they require an additional condition / informative to be attached.

Reading Borough Council has stated that there are no grounds for raising a planning objection to the planning application. However, they have stated that the nature of the proposal raises material planning issues in terms of health and safety issues, which they consider, given the nature of the operations, carried out at the site, to have relevance to residents, employees and visitors to Reading. Reading Borough Council should therefore have been consulted.

Additional Objection Letters:

Five further letters of objection have been received since the drafting of the committee report. Grounds of objection relate to the possibility of Trident being abandoned after the election, increased threat of terrorist attacks, the site as a whole should be decommissioned and the health risks need to be sufficiently highlighted.

The additional objection letters do not raise any further land use planning issues that have not already been covered in the main committee report.

Response from the Ministry of Defence to Public Interest Lawyers letter:

Finally the Mod Has responded to the Public Interest Lawyers advising that they have followed their correct procedures as there has been MoD Ministerial approval of the alternative non-statutory approach to Environmental Impact Assessment.

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Item No: (2) Application No: 09/02406/HOUSE Page No. 31

Site: 14 Larkspur Gardens, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 4EU

Planning Officer Presenting: Dave Pearson

Member Presenting: N/a

Parish Representative speaking: Cllr C P Ellison

Objector(s) speaking: N/a

Supporter(s) speaking: N/a

Applicant/Agent speaking: Mr Jarod Albinson

Ward Member(s): Cllr L Dillon
Cllr D Rendel

Update Information:

Building Regulations

In response to a request over the status of Building Regulations approval, Building Control have confirmed that an initial notice has been received and an approved inspector from outside of the Council will be dealing with the site works. As such our Building Control Team have no involvement.

Council Guidance On Dormers

An extract from Supplementary Planning Guidance 'House Extensions' SPG 04/2 Adopted July 2004 is attached for information.

Site History

A copy of the Application Form submitted in respect of application number 03/00848/HOUSE is attached. Note answer to question 11. No fee enclosed because 'PD rights withdrawn'.

Representations

A letter from Gill Beach (Health Visitor) NHS Berkshire West has been received in support of the family and outlining stress caused by delays in the planning process and difficulties and potential health hazards caused by the unfinished works.