

# Report

**Report subject:** Porton Down Application

**Report to:** Northern Area Committee

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## PORTON DOWN APPLICATION

### Report Summary:

This report identifies the procedure and timetable for considering the new headquarters office development that is to be submitted as an application to Salisbury District Council. Its contents are for members to note

### Introduction:

The local authority received on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006 an application for determination under circular 18/84 of the town and country planning act. The application is for the erection of a new office complex at DSTL's site at Porton Down near Salisbury. The 18/84 procedure is the current way that the crown and government agencies submit applications to local authorities for them to consider. It had previously been anticipated that under the planning reforms that are currently being phased in that crown immunity for submitting planning applications would have now been phased out but this part of the planning reform legislation has been delayed until April 2006 such that the current application is due to be considered as an 18/84 application.

### The Proposal:

There is little if any difference in the way that the local authority would determine an 18/84 application to that if it had been submitted under the usual planning regulations. The applicant will be required to submit exactly the same type of information as would otherwise have been required under the usual legislation. The local authority has the usual eight weeks within which to deal with the application although given the size and complexity of the application the local authority may negotiate a longer timescale particularly if issues arise during the application process, which need to be addressed. The only difference with such an application is that the final recommendation from the council will be one of either objection or no objection rather than to grant or refuse permission.

All other aspects of the consideration of the application will be the same including the consultation periods with Parish Councils and other statutory consultees. Members of the public will have the opportunity to make their views known and the final recommendation will be made by committee members.

It is anticipated at present that the application will come before members for their consideration at the Northern area committee in March but this may be subject to change depending on the number of or complexity of, issues that arise as the application progresses.



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Recommendations: That members note the contents of this report.

Background Papers:

Circular 18/84

Porton Down application as submitted 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Implications:

- Financial: None
- Legal: None
- Human Rights None
- Personnel: None
- Community Safety: None
- Environmental implications: To be considered during the course of the application
- Council's Core Values: None
- Wards Affected: Firsdown, Winterbourne, Idmiston, Winterslow, Allington, Newton Toney.