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Home Office,
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Mr. G. Bailey
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Dear Sirs,

Consultation under Circular 7/77

Notice of Proposed Development: Category C Prison (outline proposals)
Land at Bovington Airfield, Chesham Road, Bovington

I refer to the above Notice received by this Council on 28th September 1981 which was considered by Development Control Committee on 3rd December 1981. The Council resolved that the Home Office should be informed that the Council does not wish to object to the outline proposals for a proposed Category 'C' prison on land at Bovington Airfield off Chesham Road, Bovington but would request that consideration is given to the following points:-

1. That the Home Office consider all the representations that have been received as the proposal constitutes a Departure from the Development Plan, to ascertain whether there is such a substantial weight of objection (from others) as to necessitate informing the Department of Environment.
2. That further consultation in accordance with Circular 7/77 be carried out when detailed designs have been prepared. *passed to PCA.*
3. The Council is strongly concerned as to the capacity of the existing road network to accommodate the increased traffic generated by the proposed development and consider it essential that work should not proceed in advance of the construction of the proposed Bovington By-Pass. (The County Highways Authority has been informed similarly).
4. That access to the prison development is sought from the By-Pass immediately upon construction of the By-Pass and that it is available to serve the prison at the same time as the By-Pass is available for public use. Simultaneously access from Chesham Road would be retained and restricted to serve the housing accommodation, and that visibility at this access be improved. Also, the Home Office is requested to consider providing an access to the prison along the line of the By-Pass from either the west or the north

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full length of the road.

8. That the Home Office should reduce the impact of the development on the limited local stock of private housing, to reflect Structure Plan and District Plan objectives by meeting the majority of staff housing requirements within the development site and that consideration be given to the acquisition for the use of staff of those houses at Austins Mead, Bovington, which are currently surplus to the requirements of the Ministry of Defence.

In addition, there is one other point which should be brought to your attention viz: a public footpath crosses the extreme northern part of the site (allocated "playing field") and will require diversion outside the prison perimeter.

I should be pleased to discuss detailed designs when they are available.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Planning Officer

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