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16/03320/RES Former Ministry Of Defence Foxhill Premises, Bradford Road, Combe Down, Bath.

The Cotswolds Conservation Board wish to make the following comments in respect of the above planning application.

The site is outside the nationally protected Cotswolds AONB but does have the potential to impact on the setting of the AONB (see attached revised Position Statement).

From the information supplied the proposed schemes appears to be within the approved height parameters.

There is however a risk of light pollution from the proposed external lighting, street lighting and flood lighting associated with the school.

The submitted relevant lighting scheme does appear to have included measures to reduce the potential for light pollution including suitable modern lighting units.

The only outstanding question is over the curfew of the floodlighting being 11.00 pm. This does seem excessive given the need, proximity to residential properties and proximity to the AONB (a Zone.1. lighting area).

It is understood there is an established curfew for Bath which is earlier in the evening. The Cotswolds Conservation Board recommends that an earlier evening curfew is applied to reduce the risk of light pollution particularly given this hill top location and proximity to the boundary of the AONB.