

Public Notice

Land east of Junction 9 M40 / north of A41, Bicester

A public exhibition is being held to view proposals for a new high-quality research & development and production facility of Siemens Healthineers for superconducting magnets for medical devices used in MRI systems, on land to the north of the A41 and east of the M40 near Junction 9 known as Symmetry Park, Oxford North.

The exhibition has been arranged for:
Tuesday 14th September between 3pm - 8pm,
to be held in Chesterton Community Centre,
2 Geminus Road, Bicester, OX26 1BJ.

Members of the public are invited to attend the exhibition.

The public exhibition is being held by Framptons,
Oriel House, 42 North Bar, Banbury, OX16 0TH
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Please note that face coverings are required to be worn.
Unfortunately, the venue capacity is limited to 30
people at any one time - we will do our best to manage
any queues accordingly. All information displayed will
be available online in any event from 14th September at
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News



British and Afghan evacuees after a flight from Afghanistan to RAF Brize Norton last month. Picture: Jacob King/PA

Ten district homes to fleeing Afghans

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TEN properties in the Cherwell district of north Oxfordshire are being allocated to house families fleeing Afghanistan.

A meeting of the council's executive heard that the Government will provide funding to help the new arrivals with accommodation and support as part of its Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy.

The individuals are people who worked for the UK and risked their lives alongside British forces in Afghanistan over a number of years.

Barry Wood, the leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "The Government has put this policy in place to help Afghan nationals who have proven over a number of years that they are true friends of the British people, risking their lives in service of the UK Armed Forces."

"I am pleased that Cherwell

will be playing its part in helping secure their futures and giving them a warm welcome.

"As our plans develop, we will be drawing on our experience of resettling and supporting Syrian families in the private sector.

"We have a strong network of local partners to assist in the vital work of helping them rebuild their lives and integrating into their local communities."

The local package of support that will be offered will include language skills, access to healthcare and education, voluntary sector support and advice, and support preparing to enter the job market.

The properties identified are not within social housing stock and the tenancies will last for a year.

In advance of their expiry, the council will work to find the families more permanent homes within the private sector.

Mr Wood said: "I want to be very clear that this is a distinct and separately funded area

of work, which we are rightly proud to be undertaking.

"Our existing responsibility to help local people applying for social housing and helping anyone sleeping rough in the district will, of course, be continuing as it always has.

"It has to be remembered that these families will have been through a traumatic experience and we need to give them space and privacy over a prolonged period to adjust to their new lives and surroundings.

"As such, we will not reveal any specific locations."

The council is working with local specialist agencies to develop a support package for the families, including education and health.

Thanks to the council's work on the Syrian and Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programmes, which have supported 14 families into accommodation in the private rented sector, it says strong relationships are already in place to make this a reality for evacuated Afghans.

Man assaulted two emergency workers

A MAN who assaulted two emergency workers in HMP Bullingdon has been sentenced.

Ishmael Smith, 39, of HMP Woodhill was sentenced to 16 weeks' imprisonment following a hearing at Oxford Magistrates' Court.

He pleaded guilty to two counts of assaulting an emergency worker.

Smith bit the thumb of a prison officer, causing a

laceration that needed hospital treatment, while he was being restrained in his cell on November 21 last year.

Then, on December 19 last year, he was being moved to a different cell when he head butted one of the prison officers a number of times. This caused facial injuries that required hospital treatment.

Smith was charged on July 14 this year.

Investigating officer, PC Andrew Gold, based at Banbury police station, said: "Prison officers should not have to accept being assaulted in the normal course of their duty.

"The sentence passed reflects the seriousness of the offences, and shows that the Criminal Justice System is there to protect officers, and prosecute those who continue to offend whilst in prison."

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