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Dear Mr Lewis

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**BUILDING 335 HEYFORD PARK CAMP ROAD UPPER HEYFORD BICESTER
OX25 5HB
Application No. 17/02009/F**

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2017 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Application 17/02009/F proposes the installation of a roller shutter door to Building 335, a nose docking shed at Upper Heyford. This building allowed the front end of a plane to be docked so that its nose and engines could be worked on under cover. Its highly distinctive plan form, cantilevered full-width opening and sliding doors together clearly illustrate that function. Although not one of the three listed examples of nose docks at Upper Heyford, Building 335 was also built in 1951 and is of heritage significance for its rarity as a building type, its demonstration of the special relationship between Britain and the United States in the Cold War, and for its technical interest for illustration of a specialist function and for its early use of aluminium as a building material. It is located in the Upper Heyford Conservation Area and makes a positive contribution to its significance.

Historic England supports the objective of adapting Building 336 so that it can be made more easily accessible without regularly needing to pull back the full-width sliding doors. Our only observation is that we think this scheme would have less impact on the significance of the building and conservation area if physical alteration to the existing sliding doors could be avoided by rolling them back slightly to allow a central void that can then be filled with the new roller doors - in a similar way to the solution that has already been implemented for the Hardened Aircraft Shelters elsewhere on the site. We encourage you to explore the possibility of



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this type of solution before the current application is determined.

Should planning permission be granted, we suggest that the colour of the proposed roller door should be required by condition to match that of the existing sliding doors.

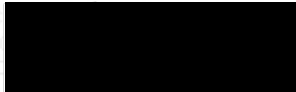
Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds, but would urge you to explore the possibility of the alternative design solution described above before the application is determined.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely



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