

Appendix 7 - Northwood Headquarters (MOD)

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- 1) New development at Northwood Headquarters that helps to enhance or sustain its operational capability will be supported.
- 2) Redevelopment, conversion and change of use of redundant MOD sites and buildings will be supported.
- 3) Non-military or non-defence related development within or in the areas around the Northwood Headquarters site will not be supported where it would adversely affect military operations or capability, unless the effect can be suitably mitigated against or it can be demonstrated that there is no longer a defence or military need for the site.

Reasoned Justification

7.1 National planning policy requires planning policies to take into account defence requirements by recognising and supporting development required for operational defence and security purposes and ensuring that operational sites are not affected adversely by the impact of other development proposed in the area.

7.2 Northwood Headquarters is the UK's principal military HQ site for 2,000 personnel. It is home to 5 Operational HQs and HMS Wildfire which is a reserve unit of the Royal Navy. It is identified as a significant defence asset where additional development is envisaged to support National Security needs.