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#### Immigration Centre - Bullingdon

##### Client

UK Border Agency

##### Location

Bullingdon (Nr. Bicester)

##### Services Provided

Planning  
Archaeology

##### Date of Completion

Ongoing (August 2009)

##### Key Issues

Asylum Seeker Policy  
Effect on Countryside  
Transport and Sustainability  
Effect on landscaping and ecology

CgMs were originally instructed to submit a Notice of Proposed Development (NPD), as was required at the time for Crown development, for the erection of a 750 place immigration accommodation centre to house asylum applicants while their applications for asylum are being determined.

We prepared a detailed planning statement in support of the NPD and liaised with the scheme architect, traffic consultant and local residents in preparation of the overall submission package. Following an objection to the NPD by Cherwell District Council a non-statutory inquiry was held. Approval was given following the inquiry, however the Council challenged the decision but the Court of Appeal dismissed the challenge in 2005.

The above proposals were not implemented however CgMs were subsequently instructed to submit a full planning application, as is now required for Crown developments, for a proposal to erect an 800 bed Immigration Removal Centre on the same site. The proposal includes accommodation wings, education/medical centre, sports hall, multi-use areas, kitchen, visitor centre, energy centre, car park and ancillary hard and soft landscaping.

CgMs prepared a planning statement and archaeological desk based assessment and liaised with the scheme architect and the landscape, traffic, arboricultural, ecological, sustainability and lighting consultants in the preparation of the submission package. As part of the pre-application and application process CgMs were also centrally involved in the public consultation process.

Planning permission was granted at Committee in April 2009 subject to the signing of a 106 agreement, which is underway.

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