

## **MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE OXFORD RE-SITE PROJECT**

The following questions have been submitted to us through various routes and in various forms by residents of West Oxford who live in Mill Street, Barrett Street and beyond. The great majority of the answers given here have already been sent in writing to those who asked the questions.

The questions and answers have been sorted into headed sections related to different aspects of Thames Valley Probation and the Oxford Re-site project and are presented here on our website to enable the maximum number of people to have access to information that we have sent out.

Gerry Marshall  
Chief Officer, Thames Valley Probation  
6 July 2009

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROBATION SERVICE IN OXFORDSHIRE**

- 1            What percentage of probationers in the TVP area visit a probation facility more than once per week?**  
Probationers are managed on an individual basis and the frequency of their visits is variable. (For an estimate, see the answers to questions 2 and 3 below.)
- 2            The original TVP business case indicated 120 staff dealing with 650 offenders per week at Trajan House. Did this refer to 650 offender visits, or to 650 offenders visiting at least once per week. If the latter, what was the projected number of total visits per week?**  
650 is still our estimate of the maximum number of offenders that may be managed from the office. The reduction in staff from 120 to 100 is due to the decision to manage drug-related and persistent offenders from premises in Cowley instead of Trajan House.
- 3            The revised projections provided by TVP indicate 100 staff dealing with 350 offenders per week. Does this refer to 350 offender visits, or to 350 offenders visiting at least once per week. If the latter, what is the projected total number of visits per week?**  
Some offenders will attend more than once a week but a higher percentage will be on fortnightly or monthly office reporting requirements and an average of 25% will be in custody before being released. 350 is the estimate of the maximum total number of offender visits in one week.
- 4            Can you explain the intensification of probationer to staff ratio at the Trajan House site from the original business plan to most recent information provided (120 staff: 650 offenders, to 100 staff: 350 offenders)?**  
There is no intensification. The answers at 2 and 3 above explain the figures.
- 5            How many of the proposed staff at Trajan House will be probation officers responsible for offender supervision?**  
We expect that there will be around 30 officers responsible for offender supervision of which two thirds are likely to be probation officers and one third probation service officers.

- 6 How many probationers does a single probation officer in Oxfordshire see in a week on average?**  
Between 10 and 20.
- 7 How many staff are currently employed by TVP in Oxfordshire?**  
253 individuals, some of whom are part time. This includes Head Office and Talisman House in Bicester, the two Oxford offices, Banbury and Abingdon.
- 8 How many probation officers are currently employed by TVP in Oxfordshire?**  
26.
- 9 How many active probationers (i.e. those currently reporting or currently attending the Offender Behaviour Programme) are there currently in Oxfordshire as of April 30 2009?**  
875 'active probationers', i.e. living in the community at 31 May 2009. We do not keep numbers of those on programmes on specific dates, as this would not be meaningful. Programmes start at different dates through the year. Different programmes last for different periods, and some are repeated for different groups of probationers. The total number of probationers to whom accredited programmes were delivered in Oxfordshire during financial year 2008-09 was 130 but on any given date fewer than this would be currently enrolled on a programme.
- 10 Of these, how many are considered to be prolific/drug offenders?**  
160. Most prolific offenders and drug offenders do not attend offending behaviour programmes.
- 11 How many probationers will visit the proposed site in East Oxford per week under your revised assumptions?**  
145.
- 12 How many TVP staff will be based in East Oxford?**  
Approximately 14.
- 13 Please provide full details of the staff training (to be carried out in Trajan House). How many staff will be trained each month and for how many hours per month?**  
Training is primarily in-house training of our staff and varies, but can cover public protection, child protection and health & safety. As an organisation we set about 6 days training per staff member, but it happens at a variety of locations.
- 14 What proportion of the probationers planned to visit Mill St are 'high risk'?**  
At 31 May 2009 about 20% of offenders in Oxfordshire were assessed as high risk cases, including risk of harm and risk of reoffending. Of those a majority will be drug users who will not report to Trajan House. For risk of harm see the MAPPA report on our website.
- 15 How many probationers a week currently visit the probation office in Cowley?**  
An average of 85-90.

- 16** You say that there is 'no evidence' to suggest that crime will increase in the Mill Street area. Can you tell me what evidence, based on research, you have that proves that crime will not increase? Without this I do not see how you can say there is evidence crime will not increase.
- This is not what we said. What we have said is that we are not aware of any evidence produced to suggest that criminality or anti-social behaviour is increased in proximity to a probation office. Equally, we are not aware of any evidence that it will not increase.
- 17** You say there is no reason for probationers to hang around outside the office. What is the evidence that this will not happen in Mill Street?
- We have no experience of offenders lingering near any of our probation offices across Thames Valley and no reason to expect that this will happen in Mill Street.
- 18** Please provide full details of the training that will be provided to overcome (offenders') 'skills deficits'. How many probationers will be helped with this each week and for how many hours per week?
- We do not train offenders. We provide information, advice, guidance and supervision.
- 19** Please supply a full list of other services that may be offered on these premises by other organisations.
- The services will involve the provision of information, advice and guidance relating to offenders' needs in respect of health, accommodation, employment, education, and finance benefit & debt.
- 20** Which other organisations will be providing services in your premises?
- Advice and guidance may be provided to offenders by staff visiting from a variety of organisations in the fields of health, education, employment and housing.
- 21** Could you confirm the size and location of the Temple Cowley office and its proximity to a police station?
- The Temple Cowley probation office has a gross internal floor area of 226 square metres. Its location in Oxford Road, Cowley and the locations of police stations are in the public domain, and easily Googled.
- 22** Please provide details of ANY concerns raised by the police at any meetings involving the proposed location of the probation centre at Trajan House. Please provide details, from minuted meetings, of the time the police anticipate it will take to arrive. How many additional neighbourhood officers will be appointed to support the new probation centre?
- We have had no meetings with the police concerning Trajan House. As and when the project goes ahead TVP will establish effective liaison arrangements with police colleagues including action to deal appropriately with any incident in the immediate vicinity of the office or by any person visiting the office.

- 23 I am aware that a number of staff and police have raised concerns about the proposed site. Please provide the nature and details of each such concern.**

We are not aware that police have raised concerns about the proposed site. They did copy us into an email exchange between Assistant Chief Constable Nick Gargan and Anne James of 26 Barrett Street on 29 March and 6 April.

Trade union representatives from amongst our staff who sit on our Joint Negotiation and Consultative Committee raised queries about aspects of the proposals at a meeting on 8 December 2008 and again at a meeting on 11 May 2009. A copy of the December 2008 minutes has been loaded onto the website. The May 2009 minutes have not yet been signed off.

- 24 Please provide details of the research you have undertaken to substantiate your claims that having a large probation centre on a residential street will benefit local residents. In particular, please tell me how it will be good for my children (ages 1 and 3)**

We assume this question is referring to the response provided by Chief Officer Gerry Marshall to an invitation from the Oxford Mail to participate in one of their 'debates'. He did not claim that a probation centre is good for individual children. His statement, printed in the paper and accessible on the Oxford Mail website, covered a range of points relating to how the work of the probation service generally and this development will benefit Mill Street and the wider community. He has nothing to add to it.

- 25 For each of the following programmes run by Thames Valley Probation: Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Cognitive Skills Booster Programme (CSBP), Community Domestic Violence Programme (CDVP), Drink Impaired Drivers (DID), Offender Substance Abuse Programme (OSAP), ThinkFirst, Thames Valley Sex Offender Groupwork Programme (TVSOP), Basic Skills Support, Employment, Training and Education (ETE) Support, Back to Employment assessments (B2E), Offender Supervision Centres.**

**Is this programme accredited and if so, by whom?**

ART, CSBP, CDVP, DID, OSAP, Think First and TVSOP are all programmes accredited by the Correctional Services Accreditation Panel (a Panel of international experts that provides robust Quality Assurance and accredits programmes for Prison and Probation Services), and are delivered by staff employed by Thames Valley Probation.

The other interventions are not 'programmes' as such but describe a range of support undertaken by our own specialist staff or partner organisations designed to increase the offenders' employability and help them into the employment market. The Probation Service works in partnership with the Learning Skills Council to provide Education Training and Employment interventions for offenders. Some Information, Advice and Guidance is provided by specialist in-house staff but much of what is provided through the education, vocational or access to employment schemes comes from other organisations funded by the Learning and Skills Council or other government departments e.g. Job Centres

Accredited Programmes are delivered at various venues across Thames Valley. In Oxfordshire this is in our premises in Bicester and Oxford and sometimes within prison. The current business plan anticipates a similar delivery plan, with a small reduction in overall numbers.

Offender Supervision Centres are a relatively new provision in Oxfordshire, I therefore do not have figures currently available. Supervision Centres are not accredited and are not a 'programme'.

**This resident asked 11 more questions about each intervention.**

These 11 questions are set out on the left hand side in the table at the end of this Q&A document, with answers given for each programme, as far as information is held by us.

- 26 Are you intending to deliver any other accredited programmes under the Offender Behaviour Programme in FY 2010-11 in Oxfordshire not indicated above? If so, what are they and how many are projected to attend? :**

We are not currently intending to deliver any additional accredited programmes in 2010-11 in Oxfordshire.

- 27 What consultative arrangements exist between the regional Probation Service and other bodies at regional level e.g. constabulary, courts/bench, local authorities?**

Probation staff liaise closely with their counterparts in all these bodies on a day-to-day basis. At a formal level the Probation Service is represented on the Local Criminal Justice Board alongside the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, HM Courts Service, and on local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (16 in Thames Valley, led by local authorities). The Probation Service is a collaborating partner with the police, social services, the prison service and others in the MAPP (multi agency public protection arrangements) dealing with individual high risk cases. The Thames Valley Probation and Sentencers Forum brings together magistrates from all 14 benches, judges from the three Crown Courts, and courts and probation staff from across the area for regular, direct liaison.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROJECT**

- 28 Please provide full details of any TVPS minutes of meetings (from March 2007 to the present) at which the proposed location in Mill St (Trajan House) was discussed, giving the dates and times of these meetings, and the names of all TVPS officers / agents who attended these meetings.**

The dates, times and attendance at TVP's public Board meetings are given in the minutes of the meetings which are put on our website as soon as they have been agreed and signed.

In addition, the following notes and minutes of other Board and Committee meetings since March 2007 at which the location in Mill Street was mentioned or discussed have been added to the TVP website:

Board Workshop of 12 December 2008  
Board Workshop of 28 May 2009

- 29 Is there a record of meetings between TVPS and the developers of Trajan House and/or their agents? Is it your policy to keep a record of meetings relating to potential leasing of properties?**  
Two members of TVP staff visited the site in December and met the developer there to have a look at the site – after the business case had already been agreed. We did not keep a formal record and we do not lease buildings.
- 30 Who from TVPS has visited the Trajan House site, on what dates, and who else was present?**  
The Chief Officer visited the Trajan House site during April 2009. No-one else was present. Several other members of TVP staff have done the same on various dates but there have been no ‘official visits’ and no meetings between TVP staff and others have taken place at the site.
- 31 Is it TVPS policy to record instances of staff receiving gifts or entertaining?**  
Yes.
- 32 What did Mr Fearn hope to gain by giving Evan Harris MP the impression that Trajan House had been identified as a potential location 5 (five) months LATER than was actually the case?**  
A ‘timeline’ document which gives the dates of relevant events since May 2005 was available at the open day in Oxford Town Hall on 15 June and is now on the TVP website. When Mr Fearn met Evan Harris MP he was unaware that Trajan House had first been identified in April 2008 by DTZ, acting as search agents for the Home Office. They did not mention it to Thames Valley Probation at that time.
- 33 What is meant by the term “operational efficiencies” AND how can it be measured?**  
We expect that by closing three offices (Abingdon and Temple Cowley which are unsuitable and Albion House where the lease is expiring) and opening a new, purpose designed office in one location we shall be able to reduce expenditure on ‘back office costs’ such as reception staff and building maintenance. Cover for operational staff will be easier to arrange, fewer managers will be required and site deliveries, telephone and IT systems will be simplified.
- 34 Has an impact assessment been completed for the reduction in service provision in Banbury? If so please provide. If not please state why this hasn’t been done. Please provide the detailed planning you have done to estimate the time spent by those probationers living in rural north Oxfordshire to get to Trajan House. Please provide estimated journey times and costs.**  
There will not be a reduction in service provision in Banbury. Some probationers living in and around Banbury will continue to attend meetings in Banbury. Others will travel to Oxford or Bicester, as they often do now. The effect will depend on where offenders live and is therefore impossible to predict accurately, but it is likely overall to be cost neutral or better. We do not expect any deterioration in attendance rates. (See also question 58 below)

- 35 **Did any representatives of TVP, the Ministry of Justice or the Home Office take part in any discussions or correspondence, formal or informal, with any of the elected representatives or officials of Oxford City Council or Oxfordshire County Council, or with any Oxfordshire MPs prior to January 2009, that mentioned Trajan House as a potential site for TVP. If so, with whom and on what dates?**  
No.
- 36 **I note that the Business Plan was edited at least twice subsequent to its first issue. Please will you tell me what changes were made and by whom.**  
We do not hold this information. Complex documents prepared on the computer go through many changes before they are finalised and we do not keep the drafts. Indeed the version of the business case that was copied to one correspondent on 24 April 2009 was itself superseded when a new template was introduced centrally. A copy of the final document in the new format has been placed on this website.
- 37 **In relation to your meeting about Trust Status on 14<sup>th</sup> May (or near to this date) how many of the Thames Valley MPs do you need to support you in this aim?**  
Members of Parliament are not involved in the processes relating to Trust Status.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF THAMES VALLEY PROBATION**

- 38 **(Please provide) details of any management failings within TVPA which have been identified by NOMS/auditors/NAO/Chief Inspector of Probation or other body in the last 2 years.**  
Copies of annual auditors' reports on Thames Valley Probation are on the Audit Commission's website at [www.audit-commission.gov.uk/communitysafety/audit/pages](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/communitysafety/audit/pages). Reports by HM Inspector of Probation can be consulted on his website at <http://inspectors.homeoffice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/>.
- 39 **The proportion of Oxfordshire probation officers who are newly qualified (i.e. less than 5 years experience)**  
We hold this and other human resources information in a form that is reported to the Board each year. Copies of the two most recent reports covering the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 will be added to the website as soon as possible.
- 40 **The current average caseload for newly qualified probation officers in Oxfordshire?**  
**Please provide a breakdown according to the risk of offender. Please provide any guidelines which you adhere to in terms of caseload and type of case.**  
**At what level is the person with the highest caseload? How many cases do they currently have, and what is the maximum they have had in the last 12 months?**  
**The number of probation officers with a caseload of more than 35 or over the recommended caseload (if different).**

**The current average caseload for other probation officers in Oxfordshire.**

**Please provide a breakdown according to the risk of offender.**

Caseloads are not allocated on the basis of a simple headcount but on a system that starts with an allocation of points for each offender according to their individually assessed risk, and is then moderated by a number of other factors.

We do not hold information separately for newly qualified probation officers.

At 31 May 2009 the average caseload per offender manager in Oxfordshire was around 21.5 active cases (i.e. probationers serving community sentences or on licence in the community).

**41 The number of officers who are 'acting up' into more senior positions.**  
None at present. 'Acting up' happens very rarely in Thames Valley Probation.

**42 How much are probation officers paid?**  
A table containing the national pay scales for all probation staff has been added to the TVP website. Probation Officers are paid on band 4 and start at the bottom of the scale (point 77) on qualification.

**43 Information on how many probation officers you have at each point in the pay scale and how many years qualified each probationer officer is. Please also provide their ages.**  
We do not hold all this information in an easily accessible form. Please see the annual human resources reports, which contain some of it.

**44 On average how many days off sick do Oxfordshire probation officers currently have?**  
The average sickness recorded for all TVP staff for the first two months of the current financial year (April and May 2009) was equivalent to 7.8 days per head per year, against a national target of 11.5. Within this the figure for Oxfordshire probation officers was 2.6 days per head per year.

**45 Do you anticipate recruiting any new probation officers during 2009-11**  
We are expecting to appoint our current cohort of around 16 trainees in September/October. The same will take place in the autumn of 2010.

**46 (Please provide) details of the supervision arrangements in place for newly qualified probation officers. In particular, how regularly inexperienced probation officers are in fact supervised and what your guidelines on this are. Please confirm whether or not these guidelines are adhered to.**  
Probation officer training takes 2 years. When we recruit newly qualified POs we follow national guidelines when building up their casework to a full load. We follow a local policy on appraisal and supervision agreed with our trades unions.

**47 You will be well aware that TVPS were mentioned in the National News as one of the probation services that are failing to provide an adequate service.**  
**Of the probationers on your role how many of them should be in prison?**

**Of the probationers on your role what percentage of them should be in prison?**

**Of the probationers on your role, who should be in prison, how many of them are sex offenders who should be in prison?**

**Of the probationers on your role, who should be in prison, how many of them have been convicted of violent crimes?**

**Of the probationers on your role, who should be in prison, how many of them are convicted murderers who should be in prison?**

We understand that the reference to Thames Valley Probation on the national news was to our performance in the last financial year (2008-09) on one specific indicator, namely timeliness of completion of risk management plans – for which our performance was 72% within the set time, against a target of 90%. For that year TVP was assessed on the overall national performance scale for probation areas as being GREEN i.e. performing at or above the required level.

Probationers under our supervision fall into three categories:

- They have been given non-custodial sentences by the courts, or
- they have served custodial sentences and have been released into the community subject to conditions, or
- they are currently in prison serving a custodial sentence.

Therefore the answer to each of these five questions is, none.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAJAN HOUSE AND THE MILL STREET AREA**

- 48 Botley Road in Oxford is prone to regular flooding and has, at times, been closed for many days, most recently in 2007. Do you have plans in place for an alternative office where probationers with appointments with their probation officers will be able to go in the event of flooding?**

We prepare business continuity plans for each of our offices. These assess the likelihood and impact of a range of possible disruptive events and specify how they can be mitigated or tolerated and what is to be done to maintain the service if an event should occur. Recurrence of the flooding that has affected the Botley Road will be amongst the risks that will be covered in the business continuity plan that will be prepared for Trajan House if the project goes ahead.

- 49 Botley Road is renowned for traffic congestion, particularly when vehicles divert due to blockage of the ring road. What provision will be made for the probationers to reach the proposed site on these occasions?**

Most staff, offenders and others attending meetings at Trajan House will use public transport. As with meetings at our present offices in Oxford City centre, they will be expected to make allowances for traffic congestion when planning their journeys.

- 50 Within five minutes walk of Mill St are three nurseries (St Thomas's, Little Scholars and Turbo Teds), the local primary school (West Oxford CP), the YHA and the local CFE. Please provide the evidence that you have researched this to assess the risk to young people coming in contact with sex offenders and others who pose a risk.**

**Please provide the documentary evidence to show that other sites that you have researched as alternatives have more such 'locations'**

The offenders, including sex offenders, who are managed by the probation service all live in the community and most are free to travel wherever they wish. The risk posed by each offender is mitigated by the conditions and controls applying to him or her on an individual basis.

Proximity to schools is not a criterion for the assessment of sites for probation offices, which are invariably and necessarily in centres of population and therefore close to schools. The offices in Cowley, Abingdon and central Oxford that are to be replaced by the new Oxford office are each within five minutes walk of at least three schools, colleges etc.

We will ask visitors to use the footbridge from Beckett Street, which provides a simple and convenient route from the station and bus stops in Frideswide Square to Trajan House and does not involve a detour. This route does not pass any schools and bypasses most of the residential properties in Mill Street and other streets.

**51 Please provide documentary evidence of the plans you had to establish relations with neighbours in Mill St prior to your plans being leaked to local residents.**

**Please give details of the plans you have to consult with local residents, the three nearby nurseries and the local primary school.**

We have not made plans to establish relations with neighbours as the lease on Trajan House has not yet been signed.

**52 If probationers do use the footbridge what steps will you take to ensure that local people will be able to use the bridge safely?**

We will be happy to discuss measures to reassure local residents as part of our consultation on the detailed implementation of the project once it has the go-ahead.

**53 What plans do you have to disclose information about high risk offenders to the parents of young children in Mill St?**

We do not disclose information about offenders to the general public, but please see details of how some limited disclosure occurs under MAPPA on our website.

**54 Please provide details about the secure facilities at the proposed location of the probation centre at Trajan House, Mill St. For what purpose do you anticipate these facilities might be used?**

The term 'secure facilities' is used in the Home Office brief for probation buildings to refer to security systems which allow areas where probationers are interviewed or undertake groupwork sessions to be separated from areas where probation service staff have their desks, files and computers and undertake their day-to-day work. The security systems we have are the same as security systems in use elsewhere, for example in schools, university premises and many office buildings. They use coded passes or keypads and passwords to release doors between sections of the building.

- 55 Specifically, please provide details of how large and how many rooms will the secure facility occupy and how many people it might accommodate? Please indicate examples of the purpose for which you anticipate these facilities might be used.**  
The outline plans, which were on display at the open day on 15 June, show 9 interview rooms for one-to-one meetings each of 9.5 square metres, and 4 group rooms of various sizes between 28.5 and 40 square metres. Group size is usually 8-9 with an upper limit of 12.
- 56 How many offenders coming for appointments could be accommodated in the “waiting area” that you plan for in your proposal?**  
The waiting area is shown on the outline plans as having an area of 51 square metres.
- 57 We understand you have carried out space planning activities for the proposed usage of Trajan House? Please provide these.**  
Outline plans for Trajan House were on display at the open day on 15 June but we are not making copies available as they are subject to both planning and landlord’s consent. Our space planning has been carried out in accordance with the national design guide for probation service non-hostel buildings, which lays down the size of offices, interview rooms and so forth.
- 58 Has a study of travel patterns, emissions and pollution been undertaken in relation to the Oxfordshire resite project?**  
No. However, reporting to Trajan House is likely to involve less travel for some staff and visitors, a little more for others, and about the same for the majority who currently attend the main Oxford office that it will be replacing. Some probationers in Witney and Bicester will save time and expense by travelling to Oxford instead of Banbury. Similarly, probationers who live in Henley or Shrivenham, who now report to Abingdon, will have easier journeys. The exact effect will depend on where offenders live and is therefore impossible to predict accurately, but it is likely overall to be cost neutral or better.
- 59 What is the projected growth in offender visits to Trajan House in FY 11-12, 12-13 and 13-14**  
Current estimates for the period 2009 to 2013 are for a small decline. No estimates have been prepared for 2013-14.
- 60 Can you confirm where the smoking area will be located and its proximity to the back gardens of Barrett Street residents?**  
The outside smoking area for offenders is proposed to be adjacent to the entrance they will use, on the south side of Trajan House, the opposite side from Barrett Street.
- 61 Could you please clarify whether a footbridge is being planned to link the Trajan House site with Osney Island?**  
We have no information about a footbridge. If one is being planned it is nothing to do with the probation service.
- 62 The Thames path and cemetery are already notorious drug dealing dens. Is it in anyone’s interests to locate a probation centre here?**  
The proposed probation centre at Trajan House will be equipped with CCTV and we will consider installing CCTV on the recommended

pedestrian route to the centre, in Osney Lane next to the cemetery and on the bridge across the railway, subject to necessary approvals. The permanent presence of a law enforcement agency in the area, together with these security measures, is more likely to drive drug dealers away than to attract more of them. Probationers who are drug users will report elsewhere, not to Trajan House.

**63        Where are the probationers going to park? Where are people waiting to collect them going to wait? What are you going to do about the huge increase in traffic?**

Probationers use public transport and do not travel to their interviews by car, nor are they driven to or collected from their appointments. Probation staff will be expected to use public transport and the park and ride services, as they currently do when they visit the two existing offices in Oxford, neither of which has significant parking space. Trajan House is currently empty so obviously there will be some additional traffic if and when it is leased by us, but this will be true of any occupier of the premises.

**SOME QUESTIONS THAMES VALLEY PROBATION CANNOT ANSWER**

**64        Given the very large amount of barren land available very close to the existing Oxford Probation Centre have you considered applying for a compulsory purchase order to allow the construction of the proposed probation centre close to the Courts etc?**

Thames Valley Probation is not responsible for procuring probation accommodation, which is owned or leased by the Ministry of Justice as part of the Government's overall Civil Estate. It is not Government policy to use its compulsory purchase powers for acquiring office accommodation.

**65        Why is the top Oxford rent (per sq ft) too expensive for an A-rated County Council (Oxfordshire); but acceptable to TVPA?**

We do not hold information relating to Oxfordshire County Council. The Ministry of Justice National Offender Management Service takes decisions on property acquisitions in light of professional property advice on the basis of the best achievable value for money taking account of location, suitability, lease terms, rent and other costs.

**66        Residents in Kitts Green, Birmingham describe offenders drinking, leaving bottles and cans, lingering in the area and behaving anti-socially. What is the evidence that this will not happen in Mill Street?**

We do not hold information about Kitts Green, Birmingham.

**67        Please provide details of other existing large probation centres in densely populated residential areas/in areas accessed via densely populated residential streets**

We do not hold this information.