



Press Statement from Thames Valley Probation

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Chief Probation Officer Gerry Marshall said: 'We have only just heard the news that the developers have withdrawn Trajan House in Mill Street, Oxford from the list of possible locations for our new probation office.

'We had been exploring this and other options in good faith. We are sorry that the delays in negotiations and the strength of local feeling against the work that we do to protect the public have led the developers to remove the building from the search.

'It was, in our view, a suitable location but we will press on with one of the alternatives from the new shortlist.

'We have nothing further to say at this point.'

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Additional information

Thames Valley Probation works with adult offenders, supervising them through their Community Orders and assisting with rehabilitation. We also supervise offenders released from prison on licence and work with victims of serious crime. The main aim of the service is to increase public protection and reduce the re-offending rate. Community Payback is the name and logo used for the Unpaid Work that offenders carry out. It has been designed to highlight the work of offenders to put something back into communities in which they've offended.

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