

ADDENDUM REPORT - PLANNING COMMITTEE 30 June 2011

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This addendum report draws attention to a letter which was recently submitted by the applicants, the University of Plymouth, supporting their application and explaining the rationale behind it. A précis of the letter is given below.

The main part of this state of the art research facility is the large wave tank. In developing this, it became apparent that in order to manage moisture levels above the tank it would be necessary to have an Air Handling Unit (AHU) larger than originally envisaged. The increased size would have made it difficult to accommodate the AHU internally and would have resulted in a significant loss of valuable space above the tank. Therefore, it is for this reason that the University now seek to locate a larger AHU externally.

The University consider that a solution has now been reached which is satisfactory to colleagues in Urban Design and the Public Protection Service. The purpose of the letter is to emphasise that whilst the requirement for the larger size AHU only became apparent in the detailed development of the design, both its size and its proposed location are critically important to the main objective of this project, namely to provide a world class research facility in Plymouth, stimulating economic activity and generating jobs.

The recommendation on the application remains as in the main report.