

## Heritage Asset Survey

Building Name:		Building Reference Number:			
Building Q170		LL5127			
Building Address:		Listing Grade:			
O Gorman Avenue Farnborough Hampshire GU14 7DL		I	<input type="checkbox"/>	II	<input type="checkbox"/>
		II*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Locally Listed	<input style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;" type="checkbox" value="+"/>
Listing Criteria Met (see Box B of the SPD)	C, H, I				
Date Locally Listed:	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	Conservation Area:	Yes:	No: +	

**Former Laundry building forming part of the Royal Defence Agency complex. Now a children's nursery. C1930-1940. Two storey. Red/brown brick with flat roof and parapet expressed as a continuous slightly projecting painted concrete band. Similar treatment for the plinth; a simple painted band. Windows are casements throughout grouped to the west range and further emphasised by projecting frames in groups of three. The stair compartment is emphasised by a vertical grouping of windows and the range to the east has further individual windows with separate projecting frames. A striking building it largely its original as built condition emphasising the extent and comprehensive nature of the complex which made up the RDA.**

Condition Survey: 1 - 5

(1) Very Bad
(2) Poor
(3) Fair
(4) Good
(5) Excellent

Roof	5	Walls	5
Weather Penetration	5	Stability	5
Spread	5	Plumb	5
Sag	5	Local Building Cracking	5
Covering	5	Pointing	5
Abutments	5	Roofspread	5
Weathering Detail (Valleys etc.)	5	Spalling	5
Flashing	5	EV. Rising Damp	5

Rain Water Goods	5	Settlement	5
Chimneys	5	Lintels	5
Other Features	5	Timber Frame	n/a
Windows / Doors	5	Nogging	n/a
Front Principal Windows	5	Post Joints	n/a
Other Windows	5	Masonry	n/a
Doors and Surroundings	5	Stucco / Render-Plaster	n/a
Boundary Walls or Gates	n/a	Outbuildings	n/a

**Historical Context:**

This building forms part of the wider group of offices and other functional buildings such as the statutory listed wind tunnels which have been identified as one of the key sites in Europe relating to the development of aviation, particularly powered flight and its impact on the human experience in the twentieth century.

The Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE) spearheaded the British state's technocratic approach to the support of military and - especially in the period 1945-70 - civil aviation, working in partnership with private companies by using its experts and facilities to develop new aircraft on the cutting edge of aerodynamic science. The Chemistry Block formed part of this advancement and Farnborough became the largest research and development establishment in Europe, developing the 'hot science' that underpinned NATO's attempts to counter the Soviet military threat. Slow progress on the establishment of the National Aeronautical Establishment, founded in 1947 at Bedford, ensured that the Aerodynamic Department at Farnborough played a critical role for much of the Cold War in devising quick-reaction aircraft that could both carry nuclear weapons and defend Britain and NATO against high-speed Soviet bombers.

For this reason this building is considered to retain high evidential, historic and aesthetic value and is therefore of high special local significance in relation to its role in the development of Aviation in Europe.

**Ownership Type (please tick the appropriate box below):**

Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Religious / Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stat Undertakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Photographs**

Date Taken: none taken given the sensitivity of the building's use as a children's nursery

Any Further Comments:

Surveyor:	J Webb	Date:	03.11.2010
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