
The COUNCIL begs leave to report to the University as follows:

1. The Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus became a part of the School of Clinical Medicine in 2013. It has identified a need for additional space for -80°C freezers. At present, some samples are stored off site. The proposed new freezer store will allow samples to be returned to site, saving money and improving access to the samples.

2. It is anticipated that a future project will repurpose the current freezer store to create much-needed additional laboratory, write-up and office space.

3. The construction will be an extension to the existing energy centre that is located to the rear of the Institute’s main building.

4. The work will be undertaken in one phase and will create 240m² gross internal area of new space. The new space will be split over two floors. At ground-floor level a new radioactive store, a general storage area and a carpenter’s workshop will be created. These will replace facilities currently housed in temporary structures. At first-floor level there will be two rooms housing freezers and a third room for general laboratory consumables storage. A new lift and stairs will serve the first floor.

5. The estimated cost of the work is £1,644,000 and will be funded by Cancer Research UK.

6. A planning application was submitted in May 2020 in order to keep to the programme for the development of the project whilst the publication of the Reporter was suspended. Subject to the granting of planning permission, it is hoped to commence works in September 2020.

7. A map showing the location of the Institute is provided below. Drawings of the proposed scheme are displayed for the information of the University at https://www.prao.admin.cam.ac.uk/capital-planning/plans-and-drawings.

8. The Council recommends:

   I. That approval be given for the construction of a new freezer store for the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute.

   II. That the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning) be authorised to accept a tender, within the available funding, for the building and all associated works in due course.

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