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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Houses for Rutherford Laboratory Staff

Note by the Secretary

In my paper (NI/GP/60/12) of 4th February, I gave an estimate of the Rutherford Laboratory's future housing requirements, as they then appeared, and sought the Committee's approval for certain housing projects. The position reached in respect of each of the projects approved by the Committee is as follows:-

- (a) Rush Common. Treasury approval has been received for the construction of 34 3-bedroomed houses on this site. There has been some delay over the preparation of satisfactory site plans, but it is hoped that the contract will be put out to tender shortly.
- (b) Gainsborough Green. These houses will not now be available, but the Council has a small number of houses, now nearing completion, at Larkhill Road and Wilsham Road, that they are prepared to sell. I understand from the Town Clerk that the Institute could probably have a total of six of these, and I have asked him to reserve these provisionally for us.
- (c) Vineyard. We await the completion of the layout of this site by the local authority, but it is now known that room for only 8 houses will be available instead of the 14 we hoped to erect here.

2. A recent staffing forecast suggests that we should provide a considerably larger number of houses than was thought necessary at the time of my previous estimate. The expected expansion of staff and housing requirements (providing housing for one third of the staff) are as follows:-

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Institute Houses required</u>
Transferred from Harwell (estimated - 75% of total under offer)	280	Nil
To be recruited in 1-2 years	386	130
To be recruited in 3-4 years	170	60

This rate of increase may not be achieved (and the amount of increase has not as yet been approved) but it is clear at least that our present programme for the provision of housing must be stepped up, and it is suggested that we should take as our present target the figure for the end of the first 2 year period, i.e. 130.

Toward this figure of 130 we shall have -

10 houses to be made available by A.E.R.E.

34 houses to be built at Rush Common.

8 houses to be built at the Vineyard, making a total of 52,
and this leaves 78 houses to be provided.

The Committee is now invited to approve as follows:-

- A. That the immediate target should be 130 houses.
- B. That we should purchase the six houses provisionally reserved for us (referred to in para. 1(b)) from Abingdon Borough Council, at an approximate cost of £14,400.
- C. That we should proceed to preliminary negotiations for additional sites on existing and new housing estates for houses and flats, to a total of 72 dwellings.

J. A. V. Willis,
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