

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Secretary of State for Transport (Ref. GO-NE/97/5053/35/03), at the address of the Director Planning, Environment and Transport, Government Office for the North East, Wellbar House, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4TD, object to the making of the Order.

A. Johnson, a Grade 7 Official in the Department of Transport
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GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS

A MAJOR PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI) PROJECT
SERVICES ACCOMMODATION FOR THE
GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS
(GCHQ)

POTENTIAL FOR COLOCATION OF STAFF AND
OPERATIONS ONTO A SINGLE SITE

The aim is to provide modern serviced accommodation for GCHQ staff and systems, potentially to be based on a single site in the Cheltenham area. Principally this would involve either extensive redevelopment for GCHQ of one of the existing Cheltenham sites,

or provision of a new site in the locality, and the movement of the site occupants and equipment between buildings and sites during this time. GCHQ currently owns approximately 177 acres in Cheltenham and there is potential for commercial redevelopment of any land released by the project.

The selected Private Sector Provider (PSP) would be expected to provide facilities management services such as building services, accommodation services, office and staff support services, and technical infrastructure services at GCHQ's site(s). The PSP is expected to offer innovative solutions and to accept and manage risks inherent in the delivery of the services and the redevelopment works. The PSP will also be expected to assist GCHQ with the re-engineering of some support services to facilitate efficient and economic working in the new accommodation. Proposals are invited from companies or consortia satisfying specified UK nationality criteria for implementation and funding of new or refurbished accommodation for GCHQ. Interested parties are requested to apply by 26th June for further information and an invitation to attend a briefing to be held in London on 4th July 1997.

The Project Director

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