SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION TO BE DETERMINED UNDER POWERS DELEGATED TO THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS

PART III REPORT

REF: 08/01525/FUL

APPLICANT: Border Homes & Properties Ltd

AGENT: Sinclair Hay Sutherland Partnership

DEVELOPMENT: Change of use from office to form training centre

LOCATION: Unit C

Cavalry Park Peebles

Scottish Borders

TYPE: FUL Application

Recommendation by - Ms Dorothy Amyes (Planning Officer) on 15 October 2008 Planning consent was given in October 2007 for the erection of new units at Cavalry Park for office and business use (ref 07/01467/FUL). The units are now nearing completion and this application is for the change of use of Unit C from office to form a training centre.

No objections have been received from Technical Services (Roads) or the local community council. No response has been received from Environmental Health. No representations have been received.

The proposed use is compatible with other uses within the business park and the required facilities can be adequately accommodated within the unit. There will be no alterations to the external appearance of the building. The site is identified as a strategic employment site within the adopted local plan. Scottish Borders Enterprise has been consulted and they are satisfied that the alternative use does not prejudice the strategic employment land requirement. A precedent for this type of use in Cavalry Park has already been set with the Borders College unit. Therefore it is considered that the proposal is acceptable.

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