## SUMMARY

1.1 Following a detailed survey of airfield buildings across England the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has added a number of buildings in Biggin Hill to the statutory list of buildings of architectural or historic interest.

1.2 Included in the listings are the surviving houses in Vincent Square. Given the protection afforded by statutory listing, the Article 4 (2) Direction currently in place to protect their special interest is no longer required.

1.3 A number of buildings that have not been added to the statutory list are deemed of local interest and therefore worthy of inclusion on the list of buildings of local architectural or historic interest (the Local List).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note the new additions to the statutory list, give approval to the revocation of the Article 4 (2) Direction on Vincent Square, and agree, in principle, to the local listing of the remaining buildings of local interest, subject to a consultation period and the final endorsement by the Environment Portfolio holder.
3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Since the early 1990s there has been a wish to protect the built heritage of the RAF Biggin Hill site, especially buildings in and adjoining the West Camp, Main Road - the first step being conservation area designation in 1993. In June 1999, Members locally listed Vincent Square and subsequently put in place an Article 4 (2) Direction to control inappropriate change. However, at the same time Members deferred a decision to locally list other RAF buildings of importance as a national survey of the buildings was underway to identify those of national importance.

3.2 Although the survey was made public a year ago, the listing decisions were only formally issued on 1 December 2005. Buildings at Biggin Hill that have been added to the statutory list are as follows –

- St George’s Memorial Chapel, Main Road
- Telephone Block, adjoining no. 18 Main Road
- Barrack Blocks, West Camp, Main Road
- Candidates Club, West Camp, Main Road
- Hawkinge Block, West Camp, Main Road
- Junior Ranks’ Mess, West Camp, Main Road
- Station Headquarters, West Camp, Main Road
- 1 - 4 Vincent Square (consecutively)
- 6 - 16 Vincent Square (consecutively)
- 21 - 24 Vincent Square (consecutively)
- 28 - 30 Vincent Square (consecutively)

3.3 The Article 4 (2) Direction is no longer required to protect the Vincent Square properties now that they are grade II listed.

3.4 The following buildings of local interest, originally deferred in 1999, remain unrecognised -

- Decontamination centre and Medical centre, West Camp, Biggin Hill RAF Station.
- Supply flight workshop, West Camp, Biggin Hill RAF Station.
- Remains of Belfast Hangar, West Camp, Biggin Hill RAF Station.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposals are in accordance with UDP policies and national planning guidance

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