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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COLEY PARK, READING**

Thank you for your request for information about the use of Coley Park, Reading, which we received on 26 July 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In living memory, the site has been used as a Government office.

We understand the large chimney may have housed a chimney to a furnace in the laboratory in the annex below. We cannot confirm what the furnace would have been used for, as this would have been from a period around the 50s or 60s.

After the furnace was removed, the tower was used to house a water tank that served the site. We do not know when this was installed, but it was decommissioned and drained around 8-9 years ago.

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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## **Annex A**

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