

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Organon Laboratories, Newhouse Industrial Estate, Chapelhall.
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1 Purpose of the report

To acquaint members with the development which has just started on site at Organon Laboratories.

2 Background

2.1 At the meeting of the Planning Committee on 4 June 1997, consent was granted for Organon Laboratories' application for development at Newhouse Industrial Estate, Chapelhall. The development of the site will consist of a two storey building, car parking facilities and extensive landscape works. These works include the formation of a lake, wooden bridges and ground moulding, thereby creating a new entrance area and enhanced image for the estate. These new works are complimentary to an upgrading of existing facilities at the site.

2.2 The building will include provision for new chemical research, offices and storage facilities. The floor space within the building will amount to some 7,800 square metres broken down as follows:

- Laboratories 6,592 square metres
- Storage 560 square metres
- Office 615 square metres

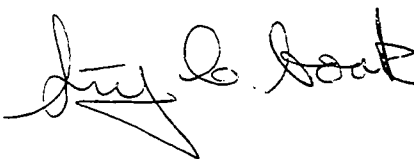
The building costs for the project is £7.8 million. In addition to the development of this new building Organon are carrying out further developments to their existing pharmacology facility.

2.3 The new facilities will generate in the region of 50 new jobs, with a split between medicinal chemistry, analytical chemistry and pharmacology.

2.4 This development signifies a further move into the field of research and development for the company. The expansion is also accompanied by a significant investment in the environment of the property. This combination of the expansion of a technology based company with a positive environmental impact is an approach that members may wish to see replicated elsewhere. It is the intention that the company's expansion plans are featured in Business Focus to provide a positive example of best practice.

3 Recommendation

That members note the content of this report.



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