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MOD ELECTRONIC TEST FACILITY CAPENHURST

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1. The Ministry of Defence is proposing to erect an Electronic Test Facility on a site at Capenhurst adjacent to the works of British Nuclear Fuels plc. The site will be aquired by the Ministry and is scheduled for industrial use under the Cheshire Development Plan. The proposed facility will be housed in a purpose-built steel tower of cylindrical shape, some 47m high and 10 m in diameter; it will be painted in a neutral colour so as to minimise the environmental impact.
2. The purpose of the facility is to test electronic equipment being developed for Ministry of Defence use.
3. This equipment has to work reliably in all kinds of environments, including close to major industrial installations and concentrations of overhead electrical lines such as exist at Capenhurst. Certain tests need to be repeated at a number of different heights above the ground, and it is for this reason that a tower will be built.
4. Exploratory work along these lines has already been conducted at Capenhurst by a detachment of the RAF Radio Introduction Unit; the new test facility is intended to allow more detailed investigations to take place.
