27th March 2017

Ref 16/05366/FUL. Provision of a shipping container for storage purposes. Resource Centre The Old Prison Fosseway Northleach Gloucestershire

The Cotswolds Conservation Board wish to make the following comments on the above application:

The application proposes to site a metal shipping container in close proximity to The Old Prison, a Grade II* listed building within the Cotswolds AONB.

The Board believes that the introduction of the container would form an incongruous feature which requires careful siting and screening. The current proposed location to the east of the site does not offer adequate screening, particularly from the south on old A40 (from Northleach to Garniche at the Puesdown). In addition views are also possible from the public footpath which runs alongside the old A40 and The Cotswold Discovery Centre.

Should the Council be minded to permit, the Board strongly recommends that the container be relocated to the south western portion of the site where existing trees/hedgerow provide much improved screening from the locations mentioned above. In doing this impact on the listed building and the wider landscape will be minimised.