

University leaps barrier to Frogmoor student halls

Bucks New University is to receive approval to convert the office space above Chilterns Shopping Centre in Frogmoor, High Wycombe, into student accommodation next week.

The application was submitted by a joint venture between the university and Royal London Asset Management that jointly owns the shopping centre and the 20,000 sq ft of office space above it, known as Windsor House. It has council support.

The office space has been empty since 2006 and the duo submitted a planning application in 2009 to

demolish Windsor House and develop a hotel and retail space in its place. However, no hotel operator was found so the plans were not enacted.

Instead, the owners now intend to built 11 "cluster" flats, which will total 71 rooms with communal kitchens, as well as seven studio flats.

A spokeswoman from Bucks New University says: "There is an urgent need for additional student accommodation in High Wycombe. This is a result of the recent development and expansion of the High Wycombe campus." 