

Design & Access Statement

Additional Cryo-Hub Storage Facility - Thermo Fischer Scientific
Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, RH12 4QD – March 2026

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DESCRIPTION

A Planning Application is required for a new PortaKabin structure at the operational site for Thermo Fischer Scientific. In 2025 an application was granted for a new structure fitted out as a cryogenic storage facility, which allows prescription drugs to be stored at below freezing temperatures in bespoke vessels. This structure has proven to be very successful and an additional PortaKabin is proposed to extend these facilities.

Thermo Fischer Scientific is a world leading pharmaceutical company, with its UK facility based in Horsham. The new structure allows them to continue to expand their storage and distribution facilities with the unique purpose of the Cryogenic Hub.

The structure itself is to be located in an underutilised car park. It will be single storey with a flat roof, double glazed windows and steel faced doors. The modular building is steel framed with plastisol steel finishes. The structure will stand at 4.2m high from ground level and will be fixed on sunken pads to be flush with the existing tarmac.

The site is part of Horsham District Council and does not fall in any designated lands. There is adjoining woodland which has been labelled as Priority Habitat with deciduous woodland and approx. 0.2 miles away there is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Warnham SSSI. There are two priority species found in the area including brown hairstreak and lapwing bird. The Sutton & Mole Valley trainline runs close west of the site. The site itself is surrounded by dense woodland and is not visible from roads or the trainline. It is surrounded by a mixed use of land including; agricultural, industrial, mining and waste.

No demolition work is required for the installation of the new structure and all connections can be managed within the site itself. It is not intended to have any personnel permanently working within the storage unit, but all welfare and office facilities are available nearby in the main distribution building.

Existing and proposed drawings to be read in conjunction with application.



VIEW OF SITE



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