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Directions to Unit 7 Hawksworth, Southmead Industrial Park, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 7HR.

A) Travelling from London or Bristol on the motorway M4.

1a. From London you will be heading West: from Bristol, head East. About halfway between these two cities, you need to take junction 13, where the A34 crosses the M4. The junction will be signposted to Newbury (which lies in a southerly direction) and Oxford (in the northerly direction). The junction is controlled by traffic lights and you need to turn onto the A34, heading North in the direction of Oxford. From the M4 junction it is about 20km to the junction of the A34 with the A4130.

2a. Leave A34 at the A4130, signposted for Didcot, Milton, Chilton, Harwell etc. Keep to the right on the slip road and travel all the way around the roundabout to the last exit which is the A4130 towards Didcot and the power station. Skip to (3), below.

B) Travelling from the Midlands or North via. M40, A43 or A34.

1b. North of Oxford, the M40 crosses the A34/A41, close to Bicester, at junction 9. It is to this junction that you should head, turning onto the A34 and heading southwards towards Oxford. The A34 skirts Oxford and is of motorway standard throughout, though subject to very heavy traffic, especially at peak times. After passing Oxford you will next approach, and pass, Abingdon. After passing Abingdon, if you look leftwards (roughly south-east) you will see Didcot Power Station, a very forceful landmark!

2b. Leave A34 at the next junction, the A4130, signposted for Didcot, Milton, Chilton, Harwell etc. Initially keep to the right on the slip road, then take the centre lane (DO NOT use the left lane - there be dragons of humungous proportions.). The roundabout at the foot of the slip road is traffic light controlled. Take the second exit which is the A4130 towards Didcot and the power station. There is also a BP filling station, a hotel (currently Travel Inn) & restaurant and even a MacDonalds - perish the thought - at this junction, accessed from the Didcot road (A4130). Skip to (3), below.

Both the foregoing routes are now on common ground:-

3. Continue along the A4130 towards Didcot for about 2 miles with the power station and railway line on your left, until you come to another roundabout. At this ROUNDABOUT, turn LEFT towards the power station, and immediately cross a railway bridge. This road should still be signposted as the A4130.

4. In about 300 yards you arrive at another ROUNDABOUT which you want to go STRAIGHT ACROSS (still following A4130). This is actually the third exit from the roundabout.

5. In around a further 300 yards you reach another ROUNDABOUT, where you need to turn RIGHT into "Hawksworth" (Christian Salvesen warehouse on corner - beware heavy trucks from Tesco distribution depot!).

6. In about 100 yards, the road turns sharp left then sharp right. Pass Volvo Truck & Bus depot on left. You should now see three rows of industrial units on your left, with brick ground floor and slate grey-painted steel upper storey. These units are set perpendicular to Hawksworth. Ignore the first drive into the units with TVH Hydraulics on corner, pass the second rank of units and then turn LEFT into the drive running between the second and third rows of units.

7. UNIT 7 is the second (last) unit on the right as you go up the drive. Provided there is a car or van outside, knock, ring and make a noise on the roller shutter doors until we hear you!!!

For alternative routings, see notes on next page.

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ALTERNATIVELY if travelling from North London, Aylesbury etc.: Directions from the M40 (J7):-

- 1) Take M40 North past High Wycombe to junction 7 at Great Haseley. Leave motorway and turn left onto A329 towards Stadhampton and Wallingford.
- 2) Pass through Little Milton and on into Stadhampton. In Stadhampton you pass the roundabout where the B480 to Watlington joins and in a short distance, just past a filling station, the road turns sharp right. At this corner, the A329 splits off left, but you ignore this and stay on the main road around to the right on what is now, technically, B4015 heading towards Oxford.
- 3) In less than half a mile from the sharp bend there is a road off to the left, the B4015 towards Clifton Hampden, Nuneham Courtenay etc. which you should take.
- 4) In about 2 miles you reach a roundabout with the A4074 but cross straight over to continue on B4015 towards Clifton Hampden where you arrive in about another 1.5 miles, at a set of traffic lights.
- 5) Look for signs to Didcot at this point. At the lights turn right and then almost immediately left at the second set of lights onto an unclassified road, over the Thames (light controlled bridge) towards Long Whittenham which you reach in about 1 mile.
- 6) Continue through Long Whittenham where, as you leave the village, the road turns sharp left. About a half mile further it turns sharp right. About a further half mile beyond this bend a road on the left leads towards Didcot, which you should take.
- 7) Follow this road for about a mile until you reach a turn to your right (first turn) where you can turn onto the Didcot Northern Perimeter road, the A4130, towards Wantage (you'll be heading towards the power station once you make this turn.)
- 8) Go straight on at the first and second roundabouts, go over the railway bridge then turn left into "Collett". (The Tesco distribution centre is a fairly visible landmark indicating you are getting close.)
- 9) Proceed down Collett until you see the Didcot Enterprise Centre on your right: turn RIGHT immediately past the Enterprise Centre into "Hawksworth". You now pass a court of beige-coloured industrial units on the right (the most clearly signed of which is Motor Parts Direct) and the next row of industrial units has a brick ground floor and slate grey steel upper storey cladding (there are three ranks of these units set perpendicular to the right of Hawksworth). Turn right into the drive immediately past the first rank of these units.
- 10) UNIT 7 is the second (last) unit on the right as you go up the drive. Provided there is a car or van outside, knock, ring and make a noise on the roller shutter doors until we hear you!!!

ALTERNATIVE route approaching from the East, through Henley and Wallingford.

- 1) From Henley-on-Thames follow A4130(? - route numbers change!) towards Wallingford.
- 2) At the roundabout at Crowmarsh Gifford the road meets the A4074 running from Oxford, in the North, to Reading, in the South. Turn left at this roundabout towards Reading.
- 3) In about half a mile you arrive at another roundabout where a right turn takes you onto the A4130 towards Didcot, Wantage etc. This section of road is the Wallingford bypass.
- 4) At a further three roundabouts, continue straight ahead, staying on A4130.
- 5) At the fourth roundabout, there is no "straight ahead" so take the left towards Didcot, still on the A4130, bypassing Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.
- 6) Continue towards Didcot on A4130. As you approach Didcot, the next conurbation on this route, there is a Tesco store on the left of the A4130 which makes a good waymarker. About 1/4 mile past the store is another roundabout with a railway bridge across the road to your left.
- 7) Take a right at the roundabout, remaining on the A4130 in the direction of Wantage. At the next roundabout proceed straight on, remaining on A4130. In about four hundred yards there is a road off to the left, signposted for the A4130, which you should take. This is the Didcot Northern Perimeter Road.
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