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### **Speculating on the Weather**

Fairview this week completed a deal to buy the headquarters of the Meteorological Office, London Road, Bracknell. Home to Britain's weather forecasters for 50 years, the 4.45-acre site is close to the centre of town and comes without planning consent.

CB Richard Ellis acted for the vendor, the Secretary of State for Defence.

Fairview will propose a redevelopment in excess of 250 one and two-bedroom apartments, allocating 38% for social housing. Subject to planning consent, construction could begin early 2006, with an anticipated overall development value of approximately £50m.

Further details from Ian Closier at Fairview on 020 7355 1818.