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Business leaders receive masterclass in synchrotron science

- Wantage & Didcot Constituency Conservatives Business Club visits Diamond Light Source, Friday 15th February 2008

Local business leaders were immersed in the exciting world of X-ray science during a special visit to Diamond Light Source, the synchrotron science facility on the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus near Didcot.

The visit was organised by the Wantage and District Constituency Conservatives Business Club, which was set up last year to give local business leaders the opportunity to help foster practical understanding between local politicians and the business community.

Peter Creasy, Chairman of the Club and Managing Director of Oxfordshire based Eco Solar Equipment Limited, comments, "It has been fascinating for our members to learn about Diamond, which is a wonderful research tool for advances in UK science, and see first hand this amazing technology. As a Club, we are planning an exciting programme of meetings such as this one to enable members to deepen their knowledge of key local organisations, network with like-minded business leaders, and spend time with our local MP Ed Vaizey to ensure that he has a good understanding of the issues facing businesses in the Wantage and Didcot area".

Ed Vaizey, MP for Wantage and Didcot and Shadow Minister of Culture, was on hand during the Diamond visit so that Club members could speak to him in an informal setting. Ed explains, "The Conservatives Business Club brings many benefits to its members and is a great help to me. Through these regular opportunities to meet local business leaders, I can ensure that I am keeping abreast of the opportunities and threats the members are facing, assisting where possible in my capacity as their Member of Parliament."

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If you are interested in learning more about the Wantage and District Constituency Conservatives Business Club, please visit www.wdcbc.co.uk or contact Peter Creasy on 01865 882602 or by e-mailing peter.creasy@ecosolarequipment.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors

Diamond Light Source

- For more information about Diamond, see www.diamond.ac.uk
- Diamond uses arrays of magnets, called insertion devices, to accelerate the electrons at nearly the speed of light and focus them to generate extremely intense pin-pointed beams of synchrotron light of exceptional quality
- In contrast to the current national synchrotron light source in Cheshire, the beams generated by Diamond will be up to 10,000 times brighter - around 100 billion times brighter than a standard hospital X-ray machine or 10 billion times brighter than the sun