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Dear Councillor Andrew Wilson,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 September 2026 about the use of Crowborough Training Camp as asylum accommodation.

As previously communicated, the Home Office has carefully considered and politely declined the request to attend a Scrutiny and Performance Committee and the position remains unchanged.

Since Crowborough became operational, we have established a comprehensive programme of engagement with local stakeholders, elected representatives and community partners. This includes the Monthly Multi-Agency Forum, which involves all statutory partners, regular meetings with parish and town councillors, monthly engagement with local MPs, and opportunities for local residents and councillors to visit the site and engage directly with Home Office officials.

We believe these arrangements provide appropriate and effective channels for ongoing discussion regarding the operation of the Crowborough site, and we remain committed to maintaining this regular engagement.

To measure effectiveness at Crowborough the Home Office undertakes a framework of assurance activity including (but not limited to) regular on-site observations of service delivery followed up with providers and escalated to ensure any performance concerns are effectively addressed. An on-site Oversight team maintains a day-to-day view of the site and works with relevant partners to support its effective operation.

The Home Office maintains regular engagement with representatives from the local authority, the NHS, the Police, and local partners, including via Multi Agency Forums to address the concerns of those most impacted by the site and to identify ways to keep them informed.

The Home Office does not disclose internal policy advice, submissions to Ministers, or other internal decision-making documents associated with the development and consideration of policy and operational options.

Yours sincerely,



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