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By email and post

Dear Home Secretary and Minister Norris

As you will be fully aware, on 28th October you announced your intention to utilise Crowborough Army Camp in our District as a temporary asylum camp for 540 single adult males.

Since that announcement, this Council has written letters and emails to you and your officials, but you have failed to provide a single substantive reply to any of the questions and issues we have raised.

Central to that has been a request that you meet with us as the local, democratically elected leaders of our District. We have asked that this takes place as a site visit to the Crowborough Army Camp and the town. We do so as we find it impossible to believe that you would take such a significant decision without seeing first-hand the site and understanding the impact this decision will have on residents and the community.

Please will you and your officials engage meaningfully with us and local residents to understand the strengths of our collective concerns.

We therefore write, once again, to ask you to meet with us urgently to discuss this situation. And whilst, as stated above, we think it essential you visit our town, if you are not prepared to come here then we are fully prepared to come to Parliament to meet with you.

Please may we now have an urgent response to this request as well as all the other points we have raised with you.

Yours sincerely

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Leader of the Council and Governance, Waste and Local Economy Portfolio Holder

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