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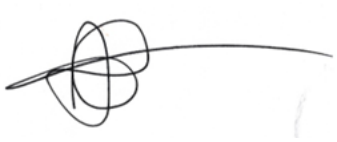
Dear Mr Bending,

RE: Crowborough Training Camp, East Sussex ("Crowborough"). WDC's request for information under Section 235 Housing Act 2004: Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing, Section 61(1)

I refer to your letter to me dated 16 December 2025, sent on behalf of Wealden District Council (WDC).

The Home Office has considered whether HMO licensing would be required in respect of plans for Crowborough. The Home Office has concluded that as it forms part of the Crown, the HMO Licensing Regime under the Housing Act 2004 would not apply to it in these circumstances. Nevertheless, the Home Office would ensure that the applicable statutory conditions applicable to HMOs are met in its use of Crowborough and offer to share any relevant safety assessments with WDC.

Yours sincerely,



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