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Dear Mr Bending,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 June 2026 addressed to Andrew Larter. Please note that Andrew Larter has since moved roles, therefore I have been asked to respond.

Crowborough site was initially offered to the Home Office by the Ministry of Defence for a 12-month period. However, the Home Office has since been given permission by the Ministry of Defence to extend usage of the site until January 2030 subject to appropriate planning permission. This remains a temporary arrangement; we intend to return the site to MoD at which point it would cease to be used as asylum accommodation. Relevant stakeholders will be engaged through established channels as the process continues.

Finally, I note the request to see an unredacted copy of the 'MoD Sites Planning Options' document which was disclosed as part of the JR proceedings. I can confirm that this will not be provided. The document was disclosed for the purposes of those proceedings only.

For your convenience, the latest public information on this matter is available in the Crowborough Training Camp factsheet, which is updated regularly at:

Crowborough Training Camp, East Sussex: factsheet - GOV.UK

Yours sincerely,

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