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Dear [redacted]

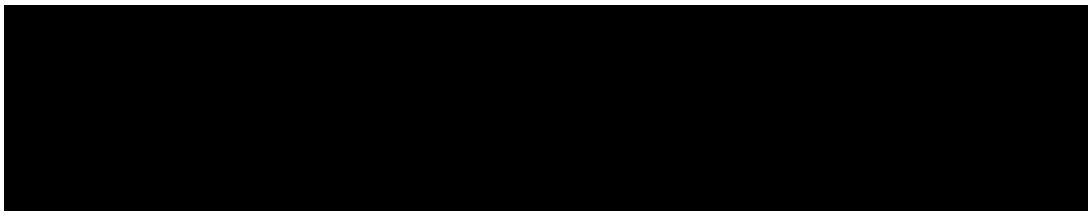
Thank you for your response dated 22nd July 2026.

The committee have carefully considered your response and whilst we are grateful that you have replied, we note that there are a number of areas where you have either not answered the question in full, or where there are obvious areas for further discussion. The committee would therefore like to extend a formal invitation to you and the wider Home Office team. The next available meetings of the committee are the 9th November 2026 and 11th January 2027, both starting at 10am in Hailsham, however we can accommodate online attendance if necessary. Can you please let us know your preference of dates such that we can adjust our work programme and agenda to suit.

In order to inform that meeting, we would also like to ask for some further information. Whilst we appreciate that you have not made the final decision to extend the use of the camp, it is clear from the ministerial decision (and the expenditure of public money) to seek planning permission from MHCLG and negotiating land arrangements with the MOD, that the Home Office consider the temporary use of the site to be meeting its objectives. We would also like to enquire as to how the Home Office is measuring the success (though KPIs, other metrics or qualitative assessment) of the Crowborough Camp and the extent of ongoing impact on the community and share the decision-making documents associated with that decision to seek the extension.

To be clear, we are not asking for documents that relate to the final decision as to whether to ultimately extend, but those that relate to the authorisation to enter into the land agreement with the MOD, to submit the planning application to MHCLG and related matters and specifically any work undertaken by the Home Office to evaluate the real world ongoing impact of the camp on the existing community.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Wealden District Council's Scrutiny & Performance Committee