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Dear Councillor Partridge, Councillor Millward and Mr Scott,

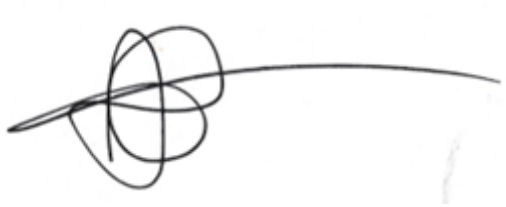
Further to my letter of 21st January 2026, I am writing to provide an update on the establishment of the Crowborough Training Camp as an alternative asylum accommodation site.

I can confirm that the facility is now operational and that the first cohort of asylum seekers has been successfully inducted.

As set out previously, our operational approach is to increase occupancy in a phased and controlled manner. This will allow sufficient time for the site's day-to-day processes to bed in and for all delivery partners to reach full operational readiness.

We remain committed to working closely with all local partners to ensure the site operates effectively and with minimal impact on the local community. My team and I will continue to provide regular updates and maintain open lines of communication as the programme progresses. As part of this, we would be happy to facilitate a visit to the site as requested in your recent correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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Correspondence also copied to:

- Becky Shaw – Chief Executive, East Sussex County Council
- Mark Hendriks – Head of Partnerships, East Sussex County Council
- Chris Bending – Director of Place, Wealden District Council