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Dear Chris,

The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025

Planning application by the Home Office, for the continued use until January 2030 of a non-detained asylum accommodation for up to 540 residents, together with associated site infrastructure at Crowborough Training Camp, Uckfield Rd, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1UB.

An application has been made for the above planning proposal to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the Act") (Section 293B Applications) and The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025 ("the 2025 Order").

As per the requirement under section 293B(7) of the Act, this letter is to notify you, as the relevant local planning authority, that the above planning proposal has been deemed Nationally Important and Urgent. This decision has been taken having regard to the Crown Development, Written Ministerial Statement, 13 February 2025. To clarify, this decision is not the final determination of this planning proposal.

In accordance with article 9(4) of the 2025 Order, we will inform you when this planning proposal has been published on our website.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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