



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

DIRECTION UNDER REGULATION 63(1)(b) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government has considered the application by the Ministry of Defence in for a Direction under Regulation 63(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/571) (“EIA Regulations”) in respect of a proposed facility for the Future Materials Campus at Aldermaston to replace existing facilities.

Having regard to the information supplied to her, the Secretary of State is satisfied that this Direction is justified because the development forms part of a project serving national defence purposes and, in her opinion, compliance with the EIA regulations would have an adverse effect on those purposes.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by Regulation 63(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the requirements of those Regulations shall not apply to the proposal for facility for the Future Materials Campus at Aldermaston. In accordance with Regulation 63(2) of the EIA Regulations, a copy of this Direction is being sent to the Local Planning Authority for the area, West Berkshire Council.

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This Direction was made with the agreement of Minister of State for Housing and Planning, Matthew Pennycook, on behalf of the Secretary of State, and signed on her behalf.

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