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Dear

**NOTICE OF RELEVANT APPROVAL UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING (NORTHWOOD HEADQUARTERS) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER 2025
(THE ORDER)**

Thank you for the relevant submission of 6 January 2026 under article 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Northwood Headquarters) Special Development Order 2025 (the Order) for proposed development at Northwood Headquarters (HQ), Sandy Lane, Northwood, HA6 3HP (the Site).

The development to which the relevant submission relates is the retention of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) temporary two-story office building.

The decision has been made to give relevant approval to the development for which you have submitted details and described below. The relevant approval has effect from the date of this letter.

Relevant development:

The relevant development for which relevant approval is given compromises the permanent retention of a 12.1 metre high two-storey office building that comprises 2,180 square metres of floorspace.

Location:

The location and boundary of the building known as the NATO Headquarters Building is defined by means of a hatched line within Zone B on the 'Site

Layout and Parameters Plan (Operational Development)' with the drawing file reference 1296Y16-TTE-ZZ-DR-A-00005 (Revision P05).

Approved Drawings / Documents: This relevant approval covers the following documents:

'Site Layout and Parameters Plan (Operational Development)' with the drawing file reference 1296Y16-TTE-ZZ-DR-A-00005 (Revision P05).

The relevant submission has been considered by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Informative

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence, is reminded of the requirement to comply with the conditions set out in Schedule 1 to the Order.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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