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Dear Ashley Collins

**DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING
AND COMMUNITIES UNDER SECTION 35(1) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008
PROPOSED DATA CENTRE CAMPUS AT WAPSEYS WOOD LANDFILL
SITE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

I refer to your emails and enclosures of 21 January 2026, 24 February 2026 and 27 February 2026 relating to the above legislative provisions and requesting that the Secretary of State give a Direction allowing the project to be treated as development of national significance for which a Development Consent Order is required under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Secretary of State has considered this request and accordingly directs that the project can be treated as development for which a Development Consent Order is required under the Planning Act 2008. The Direction itself is separately enclosed.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Direction to the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely

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