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Dear Cathryn Tracey

**DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, COMMUNITIES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 35(1) OF THE PLANNING ACT
2008**

Proposed Ebbsfleet Datacentre Campus, New Barn Road, Dartford, Kent

I refer to your email and attachments that were received on 1 May and 3 June 2026, requesting that the Secretary of State give a direction allowing the development referred to above to be treated as development of national significance for which a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) is required under section 35(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”).

The Secretary of State has considered the requests and has decided to give a direction under section 35(1) for the development to be treated as development for which a DCO is required under the Act.

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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