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Calum Miller MP
House of Commons
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Dear Calum,

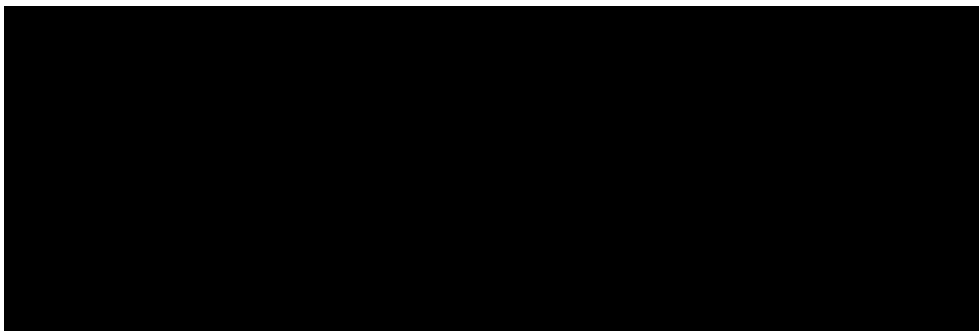
Application by the Home Office for full planning permission for the temporary change of use of the former defence storage & distribution centre site in connection with the phased provision of non-detained asylum accommodation at MOD Bicester (A-site), Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, OX25 1AE.

I have been asked to notify you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, 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](#).

An application has been made to the Planning Inspectorate under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 293D Applications) and the [Town and Country Planning \(Crown Development Applications\) \(Procedure and Written Representations\) Order 2025](#).

My officials will notify you of the outcome of the planning application.

Best wishes,



MATTHEW PENNYCOOK MP
Minister of State for Housing and Planning