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Your ref: N/A

Our ref: PCU/RARE/J1725/3378659

Date: 20th July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

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.

An application has been made for the above planning proposal to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (“the Act”) (Section 293B Applications) and [The Town and Country Planning \(Crown Development\) \(Urgent Applications\) \(Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2025](#) (“the 2025 Order”).

As per the requirement under section 293B(7) of the Act, this letter is to notify you, as the relevant local planning authority, 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](#). To clarify, this decision is not the final determination of this planning proposal.

In accordance with article 9(4) of the 2025 Order, we will inform you when this planning proposal has been published on our website.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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