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07 October 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (FORMER RAF AIRFIELD WETHERSFIELD) (ACCOMMODATION FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS ETC.) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER 2024

Secretary of State's Decision: Approve

Thank you for your request made under article 5(3) of The Town and Country Planning (Former RAF Airfield Wethersfield) (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers etc.) Special Development Order 2024 seeking subsequent approval for replacement versions of the Operational Management Plan, Phasing Scheme, and Local Services Programme.

Approval of conditions at:

the land at Former RAF
Airfield Wethersfield,
Braintree, Essex CM7 4AZ

Conditions:

Schedule 3, Part 1,
Condition 19 (Full OMP:
establishment and review),
Condition 21 (Phasing
Scheme) and Condition 26
(Local Services
Programme)

Approved Documents / Drawings:

Operational Management
Plan Version 5.0
(referenced 20260930-
HO-UP-19-Wethersfield-
OMP-V5.0)

Phasing Scheme Version
2.0 (referenced 20260915-
HO-UP-21-Wethersfield-
Phasing-Scheme-v2-(Sep
2026))

Local Services
Programme (referenced
20260915-HO-UP-26-
Wethersfield-Local
Services Programme (Sep
2026))

The submissions, and supporting material, have been considered by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing Communities & Local Government, and a decision made to **approve** the replacement Operational Management Plan, Phasing Scheme, and Local Services Programme.

This approval is subject to the conditions listed in Annex 1. Please also note the informatives listed in Annex 2.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 – Conditions

1. No more than 1,245 service users may be accommodated on the Order land at any time.

Reason: The details submitted pursuant to Schedule 3, Part 1, Condition 21 (Phasing Scheme) relate to phases and arrangements in relation to facilities and services for a maximum occupancy of 1,245 service users.

2. The inflow of service users to the Order land shall not exceed 50 individuals per day or 100 individuals per calendar week.

Reason: The details submitted pursuant to Schedule 3, Part 1, Condition 21 (Phasing Scheme) relate to adjustments of facilities and services on the basis of these maximum inflow rates.

Annex 2 – Informatives

1. A further submission and approval pursuant to Schedule 3, Part 1, Condition 21 will be required if the Home Office proposes to accommodate more than 1,245 service users or to exceed an inflow of 50 service users per day or 100 service users per calendar week.

2. If material changes are required to the approved Operational Management Plan, Phasing Scheme or Local Services Programme, the Home Office must make a subsequent submission and seek approval pursuant to the relevant condition.

3. The approved replacement documents supersede the previously approved versions. The approved documents will be published on GOV.UK and superseded versions retained in accordance with government publication and records-management arrangements.