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Dear Nusrat

The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025

Planning application by the Home Office for the continued use until January 2030 of a non-detained asylum accommodation for up to 540 residents, together with associated site infrastructure at Crowborough Training Camp, Uckfield Rd, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1UB.

I am contacting you further to the letter of 7 October 2026, from the Rt Hon Matthew Pennycook MP, regarding the above application.

I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ("MHCLG") has received the following Urgent Crown Development application:

Application by: Home Office

Proposed Development: The continued use of Crowborough Training Camp (sui generis) as non-detained asylum accommodation (sui generis) for up to 540 residents, together with associated site infrastructure listed below, for a temporary period until 22nd January 2030, to include:

- Retention and continued temporary use of existing mounted floodlighting and mobile lighting towers;
- Retention and continued temporary use of the existing CCTV cameras;
- Retention and continued temporary use of the existing temporary generators;
- Retention and continued temporary use of the existing modular ablution blocks;
- Retention and continued temporary use of the temporary kitchen ancillary units;
- Retention and continued temporary use of the existing security fencing around the Site, subject to the adjustment required to segregate building 19; and
- Retention and continued temporary use of other associated operational infrastructure installed under the extant Class Q permission.

MHCLG Planning application no: PCU/RARE/C1435/3379159

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I can confirm that the application is complete, and the Secretary of State considers it to be 'Urgent' and of 'National Importance' in accordance with the Crown Development Written Ministerial Statement 13 February 2025.

Please follow the link below to access a copy of the application and accompanying plans.

Urgent Crown Development application: Crowborough Training Camp - GOV.UK

There will be no public representation period for this Urgent Crown Development application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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