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Dear [redacted]

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – sections 293B-293C
The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025.

Application by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the temporary change of use of the former defence storage and distribution centre site in connection with the phased provision of non-detained asylum accommodation for up to 1,256 Service Users at MOD Bicester Site A.

Planning application no: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

The Secretary of State having undertaken a planning assessment of the above application has determined that in undertaking this assessment that the Officials Report produced contains information of a "sensitive" nature as defined under s.293B(11) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("TCPA"). and Article 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025.

Article 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025 provides that other provisions of that Order, which would otherwise require the disclosure of information relating to or contained within the application, do not apply in relation to sensitive information.

As such the Secretary of State has determined that a sensitive information direction be issued. Pursuant to section 293B(11) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Secretary of State directs that the information identified in Annex A:

a. relates to matters of national security or measures taken or to be taken to ensure the security of any premises or property; and

b. that the public disclosure of the information would be contrary to the national interest.

Accordingly, the information identified in Annex A is “sensitive” for the purpose of section 293B(10) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Article 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025.

This decision was taken by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

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