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Dear Louise

**Request for a Screening Direction  
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017  
Campsfield Immigration Removal Centre, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 1RE**

I refer to your email of 16 April requesting review of a Screening Direction made under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017(S.I. 2017/571) ("the 2017 Regulations") on the matter of whether or not development associated with a submitted application submitted for Crown Application development to facilitate the use at the above location is 'EIA development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

As indicated in the Secretary of State's Screening Direction of 31 May 2023, and update of 12 August 2025, the above development falls within the description at paragraph 10(b): Urban development – ii) development includes more than 1 hectare of urban development which is not dwellinghouse development of Schedule 2 to the 2017 Regulations. Therefore, the Secretary of State considers the proposal to be 'Schedule 2 development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations but was not screened as 'EIA development'.

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) indicates there may, exceptionally, be cases where a screening direction has been issued but it becomes evident that it needs to be changed, for example, because new evidence comes to light (Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 4-021-20170728). Having reviewed the updated information provided and considered the changes to the project since the 2023 Direction was made and the 2025 update was issued, I can confirm that MHCLG officials remain content for the May 2023 Direction to remain in force.

Any permitted development rights which your client's proposal may enjoy under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (SI 596) as amended are therefore unaffected.

Yours sincerely,



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