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Request for a Screening Direction

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
2017**

**Proposal for the Refurbishment and Expansion of Campsfield House
Immigration Removal Centre, Kidlington, Oxfordshire**

I refer to your request made on behalf of the Home Office dated 5 May 2023, made under 5(6) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/571) ("the 2017 Regulations") for the Secretary of State's screening direction on the matter of whether or not the development proposed is 'EIA development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

The above project is set out in full within the request and falls within the description at paragraph 10 (b) Urban Development Project of Schedule 2 to the 2017 Regulations. Therefore, the Secretary of State considers the proposals **to be 'Schedule 2 development'** within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

However, in the opinion of the Secretary of State and having taken into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the 2017 Regulations, the proposal **is not likely to have significant effects on the environment**, see the attached written statement which gives the reasons for direction as required by 5(5) of the EIA Regulations.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by regulation 5(3) of the 2017 Regulations the Secretary of State hereby directs that the proposed development is **not 'EIA development'** within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

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Permitted development rights under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (SI 596) as amended are therefore unaffected.

You will bear in mind that the Secretary of State's opinion on the likelihood of the development having significant environmental effects is reached only for the purposes of this direction.

I am sending a copy of this letter and written statement to the Home Office and Cherwell District Council.

Yours sincerely

Planning Casework Unit

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State and signed on his behalf