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Will Round
Senior Responsible Owner,
Immigration Removal Centre Expansion

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Your ref:

Our ref: PCU/RARE/J1725/33

Date: 21 July 2026

Dear Will,

The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development Applications) (Procedure and Written Representations) Order 2025.

Application by the Home Office for the expansion of 470 bed spaces at the Haslar Immigration Removal Centre ("IRC"), Dolphin Way, Gosport, Hampshire

Planning application no: CROWN/2026/0000005

I refer to your letter of 29 May 2026 requesting the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government issues a Direction under s.293H (7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("TCPA") to classify documents outlined in your National Security Statement as containing 'sensitive information' which should not be publicly disclosed.

The Secretary of State has reviewed the requests in your National Security Statement and has undertaken an assessment of the information contained within the documents against the requirements of s. 293H (7) of the TCPA to determine whether this information can be classed as "sensitive".

Article 54 of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Procedure and Written Representations) 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.

Pursuant to section 293H(7) 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.

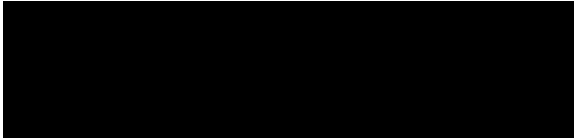


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Accordingly, the information identified in **Annex A** is “sensitive” for the purpose of section 293H (7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Article 54 of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Procedure and Written Representations) Order 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Director (Crown Development & Special Projects)

Annex A – Secretary of State Direction – Sensitive Information in Application Documents