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29th May 2026

Dear [redacted],

Crown Development Planning - Haslar Immigration Removal Centre.

As Senior Responsible Owner for the Immigration Removal Centre Expansion Programme, I am pleased to submit the enclosed Statement of National Importance in support of the Home Office's Crown Development planning application at Haslar Immigration Removal Centre, Gosport, Hampshire.

This submission sets out why the proposed development meets the test of national importance under Regulation 4(c)(iii) of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development Applications) (Procedure and Written Representations) Order 2025, consistent with the principles established in the Written Ministerial Statement of 13 February 2025.

Summary of the Proposal and National Importance

Development at Haslar will deliver 470 additional secure bed spaces, taking total site capacity to 600 beds. This expansion is critical to strengthen detention capacity, enabling more enforced returns, including of Foreign National Offenders, and individuals with no lawful right to remain, thereby supporting public safety, border integrity and the resilience of the immigration system.

The Statement of National Importance demonstrates how Haslar satisfies the national importance criteria by:

- Advancing national security interests,
- Supporting essential public services (border infrastructure),
- Responding to civil contingencies and
- Delivering benefits in the national public interest.

It also explains why the standard (non-urgent) Crown Development route is the appropriate pathway for planning determination.

Policy and Programme Context

The proposal aligns with ministerial priorities to increase detention and returns capacity, underpinning the Government's commitment to deliver swift, firm and fair removals. The statement draws on recent operational momentum and highlights the consequences of delay for national security and the Department's ability to enforce removals at scale.

Evidence Base and Supporting Documentation

The planning case is supported by:

- The enclosed Statement of National Importance (January 2026).
- The Outline Business Case (approved by HM Treasury, June 2025) and
- The Accounting Officer Assessment (published December 2024)

Request

On the basis of the enclosed materials, I ask that you please make the following recommendations to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government:

1. **Agree** that the Haslar development is of national importance within the meaning of Regulation 4(c)(iii) of the Crown Development Order 2025; and
2. **Agree** that the application should proceed under the Crown Development (non-urgent) procedure.

If helpful, our team stands ready to brief your office and provide any further information you require.

Yours sincerely,



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