



Confirmation of Inquiry Closure

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A person appointed by the Secretary of State

Application Reference: CROWN/2025/0000002

**Site address: Sevington Inland Border Facility, Mersham, Ashford
TN25 6GE**

- The Crown Development Application was made under Section 293D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA) by the Department for Transport (together with DEFRA and HMRC).
- The site is located within the local planning authority area of Ashford Borough Council.
- The application dated 20 June 2025, and following validation, was accepted for consideration on 28 July 2025.
- The development proposed is described as '*Buildings, Goods Vehicle parking spaces, entry lanes, refrigerated semi-trailers, staff car parking spaces, access, site infrastructure, utilities, hardstanding, landscaping and ancillary facilities and associated works; and ongoing use of the site for an Inland Border Facility and Border Control Post, operating 24 hours per day, seven days per week.*'

This notice is to confirm that the Inquiry relating to the above case, which sat on and between Tuesday 2nd December 2025 and Friday 5th December 2025 is now **closed**.

A decision is anticipated to be issued no later than Friday 9th January 2026.

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The Crown Development Case Team, on behalf of the appointed Inspector