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Dame Diana Johnson MP
Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Diana,

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement on 14 April on the action the Government is taking to tackle illegal migration, I am writing to inform you that the Home Office is planning to redevelop the site of the former Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) with the intention of opening a new IRC on the site in due course.

We intend to appoint a single supplier to deliver all services – with the exception of healthcare services which we expect to be commissioned by NHS England - including custodial, within the detained accommodation. A Prior Information Notice for this contract is being issued today. Issuing the PIN is the first phase of the procurement, indicating our intention to go to the market within the next twelve months.

The requirement is for a 400 bed immigration removal centre (IRC) for adult males. This capacity will comprise a new-build living unit alongside refurbishment and remodelling of existing accommodation, meeting statutory standards, taking account of the Shaw reviews on welfare in detention and with a full range of healthcare and recreational facilities and access to legal advice as at other IRCs.

Our plans are at an early stage, but form part of our ongoing review of both detention capacity and geographical footprint, including to support the development of the Migration and Economic Development Partnership.

I will keep you informed, as appropriate, as our plans develop.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tom Pursglove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline under the first "o" in "Tom".

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