



Ministry  
of Justice

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**Sir Bob Neill MP**  
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Dear Bob,

### **OPENING OF HMP FOSSE WAY**

I am very pleased to be able to write to you and confirm that HMP Fosse Way, operated by Serco, successfully received its first prisoners on 29 May. The number of prisoners will ramp up over the next year until the prison is at full capacity.

Some minor construction activity continues on site, with no impact on the prison operation. Additionally, the MoJ intends to begin works on the additional houseblock and support building on the northern compound of the site as soon as possible this year, following planning permission being granted last year.

In the coming days, my officials will be writing to all interested stakeholders to provide them with an update. The community newsletter, previously issued by Lendlease, will continue to be issued by Serco to residents living locally to site. We continue to utilise this newsletter to provide updates on the operation of the prison, and of course the progress on the additional buildings. MoJ and Serco remain committed to working closely with the community as the prison moves into its operational phase, such as holding additional community events and the introduction of a community email mailbox where local residents can get in touch as needed.

If you have any questions I or my team would be pleased to discuss these with you.

Yours ever,

**Damian Hinds**  
**Minister for Prisons and Probation**