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My Dear Sarah,

FCDO in Scotland

You will be aware that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has been based in Abercrombie House, East Kilbride since the early 1980s, previously as the Overseas Development Administration and Department for International Development (DFID).

Since the merger of DFID and the Foreign Office into the FCDO, the FCDO has reiterated its commitment to maintaining a joint headquarters and had intended to expand its workforce in Abercrombie House aligning with its wider government Places for Growth commitments.

Over the past few months FCDO, HMRC and the Government Property Agency (GPA) have been exploring options to best utilise the government property portfolio in East Kilbride and Glasgow.

On 7 December we announced the decision to our staff in Abercrombie House that the FCDO Headquarters will relocate to Glasgow. We were also pleased to confirm that HMRC will become the new tenants of Abercrombie House.

A move to Glasgow resets our commitment to the FCDO in Scotland and underlines our commitment to our joint headquarters and our Places for Growth targets. Being based in Glasgow ensures we can build on the capability of our existing staff, helps to widen our recruitment pool, develop stronger alliances to Universities and Colleges and allows us to create genuinely wide and full career options to work outside of London. With HMRC taking over Abercrombie House we also ensure a long-term HMG presence in East Kilbride.

We do not expect the relocation to take place before the early part of 2025.

HMRC have also announced their move to take over Abercrombie House to the staff.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Gemmell (scott.gemmell@fcdo.gov.uk) who is leading our Places for Growth Programme in the FCDO.

With every good wish,
Joanne
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