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Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley DBE MP
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Dear Dame Karen Bradley,

Cannabis is being imported into the UK at an increasingly rapid rate via fast parcels and post (FPP), placing significant operational pressure on Border Force and law enforcement. Cannabis finds are taking up more and more of Border Force's resource capacity in FPP, with each seizure requiring action. Reducing this demand would enable focus on other threats. Deterrence communications, currently used by the Home Office in other areas such as illegal migration, have been shown by the National Crime Agency to deter lower-level criminality.

For that reason, Border Force and Greater Manchester Police ran a deterrence communications pilot, supported by a campaign strategy, from 10th November 2025 until 4th January 2026 in Salford, Manchester, to reduce cannabis demand via fast parcels and post. This pilot was designed to test whether deterrence messaging reduces high-volume, low-harm threats and was focused on easing Border Force and law enforcement operational pressure.

This is part of a wider set of measures to further reduce the amount of cannabis brought into the country illegally.

As this entailed communications to the public, I consider it prudent to update you as Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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