



Home Affairs Committee

25 March 2026

By email

John Taylor

Chief Strategy Officer, Mears Group

Subject: Use of Cameron Barracks for asylum accommodation

Dear John

I am writing to you about the planned use of Cameron Barracks to accommodate asylum seekers. We understand that Mears, as the AASC provider for Scotland, is likely to be involved in the delivery of the barracks.

We are planning to scrutinise the Home Office's establishment and management of new large sites, and in this context it would be helpful to the Committee if you could answer the following questions:

- Was Mears involved in the operation of the site when it was being used as transitional accommodation for resettled Afghans?
- What involvement has Mears had in any preliminary works to prepare the barracks for occupation by asylum seekers?
- Are you aware of any barriers or challenges to using the site as asylum accommodation, including any material changes that will need to be made?
- Does Mears have any ongoing engagement with the local authority, the local health service and the local police on plans for the site?
- What, if any, plans does Mears have for staffing the site, including expected staff numbers in different roles?
- How long does Mears expect it to take to operationalise the site and reach maximum capacity, once permission has been given to begin using the site?

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. We would be grateful for your response by 16 April.

Yours sincerely



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Karen Bradley

**Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley MP
Chair of the Home Affairs Committee**