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Dear Andy,

HMP Brixton: Update on prison function change

This letter is to confirm that HMP Brixton is due to become a reception prison from October 2026. I wrote to you on 4 November 2024 to inform you of this project, on 5 December 2024 to advise which courts would be served by HMP Brixton and again on 17 March 2025 to confirm that the planned implementation date was delayed due to the extensive nature of building work necessary to change the prison's function. I then replied to your letter of 1 April 2025, in which you asked for further information.

I can now confirm that this work is in its final stages and HMP Brixton will start holding remand prisoners for production to court in October 2026. This change in function at HMP Brixton will increase capacity to receive prisoners directly from court in London, helping to reduce delays and ensure the prison system can continue safely supporting the courts.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the Offender Flows and Configuration Team at offenderflowsandconfiguration@justice.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Timpson
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending