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Dear [redacted]

Re: Haslar Immigration Removal Centre (IRC)

I am writing to update you on progress regarding the development of Haslar Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) in my capacity as the Minister of State for Border Security and Asylum.

I would like to reassure you that Haslar IRC, once open, will be a detained site providing decent, safe and secure accommodation for detained individuals. Like other IRCs, Haslar will house a mixture of time-served Foreign National Offenders and immigration offenders awaiting removal from the UK, in line with the Government's priority to increase returns. People will be detained under immigration powers and will not be free to leave the centre or access the local area. The IRC will have suitable physical security measures and an appropriate security regime to ensure it operates safely and securely. This will include perimeter fencing around the site, which will be thoroughly tested and upgraded were necessary before the site opens.

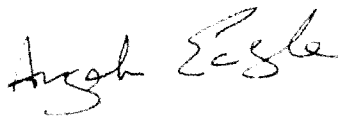
All IRCs have dedicated health facilities run by medical professionals which are managed by the NHS or appropriate providers and delivered to the equivalent quality standards as services are in the community. Individuals detained at Haslar will have full access to the 24-hour on-site healthcare team and a complete range of medical care during their stay in the IRC, including their primary care, dentistry and mental health care.

In relation to parking, I would like to reassure you that my team are working with our partners and onsite contractors to ensure that vehicles accessing the site are parked in a safe way, and that any impact to the surrounding roads and residential areas is minimised. We have identified that the public car park between the IRC and the Gosport and Stokes Bay golf course is underutilised. We have already instructed our contractors, where practically possible, to make as much use of the public car park to help reduce the parking on local roads and will continue to monitor closely.

Plans for Phase 2 development at Haslar include a car park that will be available for both staff and visitors, and my team are working closely with key stakeholders to develop the requirements for this, taking into consideration the local community. There will be an

opportunity for local residents to view the proposed plans and raise any questions at a public engagement event, due to take place in late Summer 2025.

Yours sincerely,



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