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Dear Stewart,

Thank you for your letter of 11 March about the proposed use of Cameron Barracks for asylum accommodation, and for re-confirming the council's position with regard to Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing.

The Home Office continues to undertake the technical and operational assessments required to establish whether the Cameron Barracks site is feasible and appropriate for the proposed use, and to inform the final design of that use.

I can confirm that officials have now had an initial meeting with colleagues from the Highland Council licensing team to discuss the HMO licensing process and requirements in more detail. Once further details of our proposed plans are available, they will be shared with the team to enable a clearer understanding of the nature of the proposed use and to allow more specific guidance to be provided.

The Home Office is committed to continuing to work closely with local authorities, police and community partners to ensure the site could operate safely and respectfully, with robust measures in place to support community cohesion and maintain public safety at all times.

Further information about the proposal, including details on screening, site management and safeguarding is available in the Cameron Barracks factsheet on GOV.UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-accommodation-at-military-sites/factsheets/cameron-barracks-inverness-factsheet>.

Yours sincerely,

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