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Dear Suella,

**Re: Asylum processing centre at Linton-on-Ouse**

Congratulations on your appointment as Home Secretary. I look forward to working with you in your new role.

As I am sure you are aware, the Home Office announced plans back in April for an asylum reception centre at a former RAF base in Linton-on-Ouse, in my constituency. Along with residents, I was delighted when the Defence Secretary announced in August the plans had been scrapped, following a tireless local campaign.

Since the Defence Secretary's announcement, there has been growing concern among residents and parish and local councillors about the lack of formal acknowledgement of cancellation. I understand Linton-on-Ouse Parish Council has been in contact with the Home Office to request such a document, but one has not been produced.

As you can understand, the relief felt by many in the village is waning due the lack of a tangible announcement. Moreover, there does not appear to be any clear signs of what the base will now be used for, a matter I have long pressed the Ministry of Defence on.

I would be most grateful if you are able to provide a formal document outlining confirmation the proposed plans have been scrapped.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

*Kevin Hollinrake*

cc. Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, Defence Secretary