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Dear Andrew Lewis

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
Two applications by Heyford Park Estates Ltd at RAF Heyford Park, Camp
Road, Upper Heyford, Bicester OX25 5HD:**

**17/00610/REM - Reserved Matters to Approval 10/01642/OUT, Access for Camp
Road Village Centre Highway Infrastructure Works.**

**17/00663/F – Construction of roads with associated infrastructure within the
Heyford Park Development.**

I refer to the above applications which have been the subject of a third party request to call in for determination by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered these cases against call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.

In deciding whether to call in these applications, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in these applications. He is content that they should be determined by the local planning authority.

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In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in these applications, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether these applications are EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The local planning authority responsible for determining these applications remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to the proposed developments and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely

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