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Dear Andrew Lewis

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
Application at RAF Heyford Park, Camp Road, Upper Heyford, Bicester OX25
5HD:**

**16/02446/F Erection of 296 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) comprising a
mix of open market and affordable housing together with associated works.**

I refer to the above application which has 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 this case 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 this application, 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 not to call in this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority. The reason for this decision is that, having regard to the policy on call in, the application does not involve issues of more than local importance justifying the Secretary of State's intervention.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011. The local planning authority responsible for determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to the proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely



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