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Dear *Sojan*

Application by Department for Transport, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and His Majesty's Revenues and Customs for full planning permission for the continuing operation of the Sevington Inland Border Facility at Sevington Inland Border Facility, Ashford, Kent.

Planning Inspectorate application no: CROWN/2025/0000002.

I have been asked to notify you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, that the above detailed planning proposal has been deemed Nationally Important. This decision has been taken having regard to the Crown Development Written Ministerial Statement of 13 February 2025, which can be found here: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2025-02-13/hcws454>.

An application was made to the Planning Inspectorate on 20 June 2025 which will now continue to validate the application to ensure it conforms with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 293D Applications), and the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development Applications) (Procedure and Written Representations) Order 2025, which can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2025/409/made>.

Should you require any further information please contact the Planning Inspectorate via e-mail to Crownapplications@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours ever,

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government