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Dear Karen

THE IMMIGRATION (PLACES OF DETENTION) DIRECTION 2025

On 1 December 2025 a new immigration removal centre, to be known as Campsfield IRC, was opened at Kidlington in Oxfordshire.

Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 specifies that people who are liable to be detained for immigration reasons may be detained “only in places that the Secretary of State may direct.”

At present this requirement is met via the Immigration (Places of Detention) Direction 2021. Every time a new immigration removal centre opens the existing Direction needs to be revoked, and a new one issued, specifying the new immigration removal centre by name as a place of immigration detention.

I am enclosing a copy of the new Immigration (Places of Detention) Direction 2025 for your information.

A copy of this letter and the Direction will also be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

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