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RE: Home Office Asylum Accommodation in Spelthorne

Dear Minister,

I am writing further to my previous correspondence regarding the Home Office's use of asylum accommodation within Spelthorne.

I am extremely disappointed that despite writing to you on multiple occasions and being very specific with my questions, I am still waiting for answers to the following:

- Whether your government is purchasing Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the Borough of Spelthorne for the purpose of accommodating asylum seekers
- Whether you are looking to move the asylum seekers currently accommodated in Home Office accommodation in Spelthorne into military barracks

This absence of clear communication is having a real and damaging impact on our borough. Residents are increasingly anxious and uncertain about what is being planned in their communities, and the Council is left unable to provide reassurance or accurate information because our legitimate questions remain unanswered. This situation is creating unnecessary worry and undermining confidence, both in local governance and in the Home Office's approach.

The ongoing failure to respond to my questions demonstrates a lack of respect for the Council and for the residents we represent. I must therefore request an urgent response to this letter, addressing the outstanding issues detailed above.

I look forward to hearing from you as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Joanne Sexton
Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council