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Dear Minister,

**RE: Home Office Asylum Accommodation in Spelthorne**

**Your reference: MIN/1447716/26**

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2026 regarding asylum accommodation in Spelthorne. I appreciate your response and the clarification provided on the Government's approach, including the commitment to end the use of hotels as long-term accommodation for asylum seekers by the end of this Parliament.

However, the Council remains deeply concerned about the ongoing and potential future pressures on Spelthorne. The borough already faces significant and well-documented housing challenges, with demand for homes far exceeding supply. Many local residents and families remain on waiting lists for suitable accommodation and the Council continues to operate within an extremely constrained housing market while seeking to meet these needs.

Against this backdrop, proposals that may increase the use of accommodation within the borough, including Houses in Multiple Occupation, are of particular concern. Such approaches risk placing additional strain on an already limited housing supply and will reduce the availability of accommodation for local residents. We are also mindful of the wider pressures that additional placements can create for local services, including the NHS, schools and other community provision, which are already operating at or near capacity.

While I note the information provided in your letter, the Council remains concerned that the current proposals do not sufficiently recognise the scale of the constraints facing Spelthorne. It is

essential that the Home Office fully takes these local pressures into account when considering accommodation arrangements in this borough.

I would therefore welcome continued and meaningful engagement with the Home Office to ensure that Spelthorne's circumstances are properly understood and reflected in future decisions.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Joanne Sexton  
Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council