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To whom it may concern

RE: Regents Park Barracks – Temporary Accommodation within an MOD Site

Clarification on Permitted Development Status

Below we set out below the basis on which the proposed development is considered to constitute permitted development.

The proposal relates to the temporary installation of fifteen (15) sleeping pods and two (2) dining pods within an existing car park located inside an operational Ministry of Defence site in Central London. The accommodation is required for a strictly time-limited operational period commencing 27 April 2026 and will remain in place for approximately eight weeks. Upon completion of this period, all structures and associated infrastructure will be removed and the land reinstated to its existing condition.

The site is confirmed as Crown land and is operated by the Ministry of Defence, as evidenced by the accompanying title documentation.

It is our position that the proposed development benefits from permitted development rights under Schedule 2, Part 19, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), which permits development by or on behalf of the Crown on Crown land for the purposes of:

- preventing an emergency;
- reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of an emergency; or
- taking other action in connection with an emergency.

The development is required in connection with an operational matter relating to national security, necessitating the temporary presence of additional Ministry of Defence personnel on site. The provision of on-site sleeping and dining accommodation is directly and proportionately linked to supporting this requirement within a secure and controlled environment.

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Given the nature of the operational requirement, it is not appropriate to provide further detailed information. However, we can confirm that the development is necessary in connection with national security functions undertaken on behalf of the Crown.

The proposal complies with the conditions set out under Class Q, namely:

- the local planning authority is being notified as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- the development will be removed and the land restored to its original condition well within the 12-month period specified.

For clarity, we confirm:

- the development is on Crown land operated by the Ministry of Defence;
- the use is temporary (approximately eight weeks);
- the development is required for an operational purpose linked to national security; and
- the site will be fully reinstated following cessation of the use.

We also note that the Conservation Officer has confirmed that Listed Building Consent is not required in this instance.

On this basis, we consider that the proposal constitutes permitted development under Part 19, Class Q of the GPDO and does not require express planning permission.

We trust this clarifies the position, however please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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