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Dear Judi,

Thank you for your letter of 3 December to the Prisons Minister, Rory Stewart OBE MP, about the allocation of men convicted of sexual offences to HM Prison Hollesley Bay. I have been asked to reply.

May I begin by sincerely apologising for the belated reply.

I am sorry that there appears to be confusion. Our position remains that we are planning to hold category D men convicted of sexual offences at Hollesley Bay. However, this will only begin when we are satisfied that this can be delivered safely without putting the public at risk. Once this is confirmed, then yes we will proceed to implement the changes to the prison population.

We are also keen to fully take on board any concerns and anxiety that the local community understandably feel and have expressed and I know the Governor, Jeff Orr, has been working with local people, including through the Parish Council, to achieve this.

In light of our experience at both Leyhill and North Sea Camp prisons (who successfully accommodate men convicted of sexual offences), we are confident that we will be proceeding at Hollesley Bay with this cohort change and Jeff and his team are currently working on detailed implementation plans.

The safety of the public remains our highest priority and the Governor's plans will ensure that all the necessary safeguards will be in place before introducing this change in population.

Yours sincerely

Stacey Tasker

Copy: Jeff Orr