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Your ref:

Our ref: PCU/NSIP/G2435/3337533

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Dear Morag

DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES UNDER SECTION 35(1) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 RELATING TO THE EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT – EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAY PHASE 2, ON LAND TO THE SOUTH OF EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT AND SOUTH EAST OF M1 JUNCTION 23A

I refer to your email of 22 January 2024 relating to the above legislative provisions and requesting that the Secretary of State give a Direction allowing the project to be treated as development of national significance for which a Development Consent Order is required under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Secretary of State has considered this request and accordingly directs that the project can be treated as development requiring a Development Consent Order is required under the Planning Act 2008. The Direction itself is separately enclosed.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Direction to the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely

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