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Dear Resident, Owner, or Occupier

Dover SPS Border Control Post

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is proposing to bring an existing empty warehouse back into use at White Cliffs Business Park, Dover as a Border Control Post (BCP). We would like to invite you to review the proposal and share your comments during a period of local engagement from **31 January 2022 to 14 February 2022**.

New rules on trade, travel and business were brought in when the UK withdrew from the European Union. These require customs, transit, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks on some commodities inbound to the UK via the Port of Dover. The government committed to providing new border infrastructure to support ports where there is no space to build new facilities for these checks and other activities to take place.

The proposed BCP would undertake documentary checks and physical inspections on inbound consignments to the UK of goods commonly considered food and produce of animal or plant origin. These imports are classified as products of animal origin (POAO), plant and plant products and are subject to a specific set of checks which would be undertaken by Dover Port Health Authority (Dover PHA), the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and Border Force.

The proposed site for development was constructed in 2003 and had previously been used by P&O as a distribution warehouse and became vacant in March 2020. Defra is seeking to change the use of warehouse to a BCP and will seek approval under the Town and Country Planning (Border Facilities and Infrastructure) (EU Exit) England Special Development Order 2020: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/928/made>.

We will prepare a stakeholder engagement report collating the views of individuals and organisations that provide feedback.

The submission will seek a temporary approval for the use and development of the site for a BCP (until 31 December 2025). Any longer-term plans for the site will be subject to a further public engagement and relevant approval.

Details of the proposal are contained in the accompanying information booklet for the Dover SPS Border Control Post and may be viewed on our website at:

www.inlandborderfacilities.uk/DoverBCP.

We welcome your feedback by 23.59 on 14 February 2022.

Yours,

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