Dear Chris,

Following recent discussions and correspondence with you and others regarding the Highgate House Hotel I can confirm the Home Office has decided not to pursue use of this accommodation at present.

However, given the Home Office's statutory duty to accommodate and support otherwise destitute asylum seekers, we may need to reconsider using the Highgate House Hotel in the future. Should we decided, at a later date, to reconsider using this property, we will return to working with you and other representatives from the local community etc to understand the implications of moving ahead.

Best regards

Nick

Nick Jariwalla

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