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Dear Kevin,

Today the Defence Secretary, the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, is announcing A Better Defence Estate in the House of Commons. This Strategy has examined the Defence built estate across the UK with the aim of taking a comprehensive, long-term and strategic approach to its configuration to deliver UK military capability, affordably and as efficiently as possible. The Strategy will facilitate significant economic benefits, both in terms of the employment opportunities that will arise for the construction and services industries across the UK and in the release of surplus land for new housing and commercial development.

Today's announcement includes the department's intent to relocate units from Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham to Alanbrooke Barracks in your constituency in 2020. The number of personnel at Alanbrooke Barracks will therefore increase.

The Ministry of Defence will now begin the process of detailed planning and necessary engagement with the staff and Local Authorities impacted by this work. This work will take some time, and I hope you will be able to support these proposals as we go through that process. I will make an annual update to Parliament on progress in implementing the strategy. A copy of A Better Defence Estate has been placed in the Library of the House.

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