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Dear Calum,

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 2026 to the Secretary of State for Defence, regarding concerns about perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination linked to the former RAF Upper Heyford airbase. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this matter.

I was sorry to learn about your concerns regarding possible PFAS contamination at the former RAF Upper Heyford airbase. I understand your worries and wish to reassure you that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) takes PFAS contamination very seriously.

My officials have investigated the records held relating to this site and I can confirm that the site was disposed of in the mid-1990s, before any form of PFAS testing began. As a result, the MOD holds no records of any PFAS contamination at this location and has not been involved in any subsequent monitoring or engagement with regulators concerning the site. We do hold copies of land quality assessments carried out at time, but these assessments did not look for or identify PFAS for the reasons set out above.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful, but I trust this explains the position.

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