

## **Recovered appeal: land to the east of the A1301, south of the A505 near Hinxton and west of the A1301, north of the A505 near Whittlesford, Hinxton (ref: 3210008 – 9 April 2020)**

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## **Called-in decision: land bounded by Wandsworth Road, Parry Street, Bondway and Vauxhall Bus Station (ref: 3229531 – 9 April 2020)**

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## **Border Force prioritising checks on**

# medical equipment

This month, Border Force has introduced a new process for prioritising checks on medical equipment to ensure it reaches the NHS more quickly.

The new process ensures critical shipments are flagged to Border Force in advance by the NHS so that officers can stand ready to process them as soon as possible.

Border Force officers then process the shipments quickly, whilst continuing to conduct thorough security checks.

Home Secretary, Priti Patel, said:

I will do whatever necessary to help the national effort to tackle this virus, that is why Border Force are prioritising medical equipment so that it can enter the UK as soon as possible.

This will ensure that the NHS and frontline workers can get the equipment they need as quickly as possible so they can continue saving lives and fighting the virus.

The process has been in place since the beginning of April, with Border Force working closely with suppliers, the NHS and HMRC to ensure all relevant shipments are flagged.

In addition, last week, the Treasury announced that it was waiving import taxes on medical equipment crucial to the fight against coronavirus – reducing red tape to ensure equipment gets to frontline health workers faster.

Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Jesse Norman, said:

We have already waived import taxes on crucial medical equipment coming to the UK, such as protective gear, tests and ventilators. Today's announcement will further support the NHS, so that frontline workers get the supplies they need to save lives.

All shipments remain subject to the same controls including checks against illegal immigration, prohibited and restricted items and revenue fraud.

Border Force will continue to support the essential services provided by the NHS during this period for as long as is required.

This is one measure being brought in by Border Force in response to coronavirus and is part of wider robust contingency plans in place to ensure

there is no disruption to their efforts to maintain security.

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## Letter to the Loan Charge All-Party Parliamentary Group about communications with HMRC customers

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## A listening ear

Sellafield's new chaplain, David Flitcroft is one person who's ready to offer just that, only weeks into his new role.

I became the new Sellafield chaplain just a few weeks before coronavirus hit. Sellafield's long had a chaplain service to those who need it – whether they are practicing Christians or not. But it had struggled to fill the vacancy created when the last chaplain left.

I discussed this with the Archdeacon. I am pleased to say that both he and the company supported this, and I have now started my role.

It's a voluntary position, which I combine with my day job as a team leader in Security and Resilience.

When I started, I didn't realise that coronavirus would come to impact on our lives as much as it has. This has meant things have been a little different. But it's also a perfect opportunity to introduce myself to the workforce, and to encourage people to get in touch. I offer a listening ear to anyone.

Our aim is to be present to everyone and walk alongside all employees in the nuclear industry in West Cumbria, to encourage, support and offer pastoral care to those who need it.

There are already a number of fellowship groups that meet in the company, and this is great. These are a relaxed opportunity for people to come along and share their faith.

In fact, the Sellafield Workplace Chaplaincy is here for everyone in times of worry and anxiety. We don't mind if you don't go to church on Sundays, maybe you want to explore faith or you're not quite sure what you believe. We welcome everyone.

All conversations are treated in the strictest confidence.

Practical support can range from informal conversations, to signposting to other services, and even things like attending medical appointments with you.