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Dear Julia,

Thank you for your email of 22 January, on behalf of your constituents, who are concerned that the Palms Hotel in Hornchurch is going to be used to house asylum seekers. I am replying as the Minister of State for Legal Migration and the Border.

As a result of the range of measures the Home Office has put in place to stop the boats, reform the management of the asylum accommodation estate, and deliver alternative forms of accommodation sites, the procurement of new asylum hotels can cease, and the first phase of hotel exits is well underway.

I can confirm that there are currently no plans to use Palms Hotel in Hornchurch to house asylum seekers.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write and I trust that this reply is helpful in clarifying matters.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

**Tom Pursglove MP**  
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