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UNITED KINGDOM/REPUBLIC OF IRELAND LAND BORDER

David Worskett has asked me to write to you about your letter of 13 April to Vincent Feane.

Of the three border posts named in Jack Ashwell's letter, only Newry is in the United Kingdom. I trust that the Commission have also written to the Republic of Ireland's Permanent Representative. HM Customs and Excise are primarily responsible for the post at Newry. The Property Services Agency is responsible for the premises. For some time both Departments have been trying to find, in association with the Northern Ireland Office, an alternative site on which to build a new post. Adequate driver facilities have been specified as one of the requirements.

I have passed a copy of your letter to Mr Turtle of the Property Services Agency. I understand that he and a Customs and Excise representative will send you a substantive reply. For our part, we have expressed concern about the facilities at Newry. It is fair, however, to point out that Customs and Excise and PSA face extraordinary difficulties in finding land and building premises in this area.

I am copying this letter to Eric Turtle (PSA), Brian Bloomfield (DOE(NI)) and to the recipients of your letter to Vincent Feane.

Yours.

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