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Date: 2 September 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

**The Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications)
(Procedure) (England) Order 2025.**

Application by the Home Office for full planning permission for the temporary change of use of the former defence storage & distribution centre site in connection with the phased provision of non-detained asylum accommodation at MOD Bicester (A-site), Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, OX25 1AE.

In accordance with article 9(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Crown Development) (Urgent Applications) (Procedure) (England) Order 2025 ("the 2025 Order"), we are writing to inform you, as the relevant local planning authority, that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ("MHCLG") has received the following Urgent Crown Development application:

Application by: Home Office

Proposed Development: Full planning permission for the temporary change of use of the former defence storage & distribution centre site (MOD Bicester A - site) in connection with the phased provision of non-detained asylum accommodation. The Proposed Development comprises the retention and change of use of Building A6, the demolition of existing buildings and structures, the erection of new modular accommodation, and the provision of space for associated health and welfare facilities, site infrastructure, wastewater treatment plant, roads, access ways, security infrastructure, parking, staff accommodation and facilities, and open space and recreational areas, to accommodate up to 1,256 service users at MOD Bicester (A-site), Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, OX25 1AE.

MHCLG Planning application no: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

Accepted date: 2 September 2026

We can confirm that the application is complete, and the Secretary of State considers it to be 'Urgent' and of 'National Importance' in accordance with the [Crown Development Written Ministerial Statement 13 February 2025](#). Please follow the link below to access a copy of the application and accompanying plans.

[Urgent Crown Development application: MOD Bicester \(Site A\) - GOV.UK](#)

In accordance with article 9(5) of the 2025 Order as soon as is practicable your local planning authority is required to place a copy of the application and accompanying documents on its register required by article 40 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

In the event that you receive any representations in relation to this application, these must be forwarded to the Crown Casework Team at MHCLG as soon as is reasonably practicable using the following e-mail address:

crowncasework@communities.gov.uk

In accordance with article 15(1) of the 2025 Order the local planning authority can submit its own comments on the proposal. You will be notified of a representation period to provide any comments in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. Contact details can be found at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,





Crown Casework Team