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Our ref: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

Date: 2 September 2026

Dear Calum Miller MP,

**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.**

I am contacting you further to the letter of 21 August 2026, from the Rt Hon Matthew Pennycook MP, regarding the above application.

I am writing to inform you 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

I 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](#)

A period for public representations to be made will be confirmed in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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