Objection to an urgent Crown Development Order for MOD Bicester Site A

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To the Secretary of State,

I am writing as a local resident to oppose the use of the urgent planning process for the proposal to accommodate up to 1,250 single adult male asylum seekers at Site A, MOD Bicester.

I feel the government is attempting to deliberately mislead the public with this under hand and ridiculous proposal. Security is already on site, and it seems that works have commenced without any planning consent. I would ask you to stop these works immediately and offer the local residents the consultation they deserve and are entitled to.

The planning application I expect you to submit should include detailed costings that prove this proposal will save the tax payer money, versus keeping asylum seekers in hotels. Currently, no detailed information has been provided to anybody regarding the construction and operation costs.

On 9 July, my MP, Calum Miller, was informed by a Defence Minister that the Home Office first approached the MOD about the use of this site in November 2025.

You have wrongfully applied for consent under the “Urgent Crown Development” route. This proposal cannot be considered urgent for 2 reasons:

1 - Your office has been considering this proposal since November 2025, so it can’t be urgent.

2 - Asylum seekers are currently being housed in hotels, so as this alternative is working and exists, your application cannot be deemed urgent.

You will be aware that the use of the site for such a huge asylum camp is very controversial - and widely opposed - locally. It is very important that local people - and our local representatives in the councils, health board, police and other services - are given sufficient information and time to make an intelligent response.

A small village community of 370 residents, will obviously be unable to absorb 1250 foreign males. Your application is seeking to remove the few amenities villagers can still enjoy - peace, seclusion and relative safety.

Can I therefore urge you to stop any works, withdraw consent for this to be treated as an urgent application and instead insist that the usual planning process is followed, so local voices can be heard about a proposal that will affect us far more than any Secretary of State in London?

Yours sincerely,

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