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

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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a local village resident in Piddington 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.

On 9 July our 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 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. There are numerous issues and concerns with this particular site, to start with the inadequacy of the infrastructure, the lack of utility capability for the area alone prior to this site being considered is a major concern too. There are many more equally important concerns, too numerous to write about now, but which need proper, thorough review and consideration.

It is clearly unreasonable for this to be considered "urgent". The Government cannot consider it for nine months and then give local residents a matter of days to contribute to a consultation. It's utterly ridiculous and makes a sham of our rights as citizens in the democracy we have all have the privilege to live and work in.

Can I therefore urge you to 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 properly heard about a proposal that will affect us far more than any Secretary of State in London?

I trust my issues here will be properly understood and acted on and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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