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 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.

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 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.

The proposed site appears to have few if any facilities on site and it is therefore extremely likely that the asylum seekers will spread out into surrounding villages and towns for entertainment and other day to day activities, putting considerable strain on local resources and transport. The publication by the government guidelines for acceptable behaviour in the UK indicates that there are obviously known concerns over this and is extremely naive to think the publication of guidelines will have any affect on behaviour especially in the absence of any visible policing of the area and the proposal will severely affect the lives of nearby villages and towns.

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.

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 heard about a proposal that will affect us far more than any Secretary of State in London?

Yours sincerely,

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