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 proposal is very controversial – and widely opposed – locally. However, the concerns raised are not simply about this particular site or about Bicester. The establishment of a large asylum accommodation centre can have significant implications for any rural or semi-rural community, particularly where local services and infrastructure are already under pressure.

It is therefore important that local residents, together with our representatives in the councils, health services, police and other public services, are given sufficient information and time to properly consider the likely impact and make an informed response. Issues such as access to healthcare, policing, transport, local services and the capacity of the surrounding community should be properly assessed rather than dealt with as an afterthought.

It is clearly unreasonable for a proposal to be considered by Government for nine months and then for local residents to be given only a matter of days to contribute to a consultation. Whatever the merits of the proposal itself, the process should allow the community affected to understand what is being proposed and to respond meaningfully.

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 that local voices can be properly heard about a proposal that will have a far greater impact on the communities in which it is located than on those making the decision in London?

Yours sincerely,

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