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To: Ministerial Correspondence
Subject: FAO Matthew Pennycook. Objection to an Urgent Crown Development Order, MOD Bicester.
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Dear Secretary of State,

I live in [redacted], my local Member of Parliament is Calum Miller, Bicester and Woodstock.

In July 2026 the Government announced that they intend to house 1250 young men, approximate age between 19 and 28 years, at Site A in Bicester Garrison land. They would be deposited in a very rural, remote and isolated camp far from ideal and at a great risk to the local community.

Services are already stretched to the limit and the influx of a large number of young men would completely parallelize the system. 1250 asylum seekers/illegal immigrants, housed in a camp and not allowed to work, is extremely concerning!

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 site of the camp was first discussed in November 2025 but now, in July 2026, the Government now thinks that this is an urgent matter. Why? What have you been doing for the last 8 months? There has been no attempt to consult local communities during that time. If a Crown Development Order Application is now needed then the local residents will be denied a chance to voice any concerns, objections or opinions.

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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