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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you not as a politician, but as one of the ordinary residents of the village of [redacted] in Oxfordshire.

Like many of my neighbours, I have always believed that Government exists to protect its citizens, to listen to communities and to govern with fairness and respect.

That belief has been profoundly shaken.

The proposal to establish an asylum accommodation centre for approximately 1,250 single adult men at the former MOD Site A near Bicester will fundamentally alter the lives of our community. Regardless of differing opinions about immigration policy itself, we believe decisions of this scale should never be imposed upon communities without meaningful consultation and without considering the people who already live there.

We are a small village.

We are families.

We are pensioners.

We are volunteers.

We are people who simply wish to continue living peacefully in the community we have spent generations building.

Many of us now feel ignored.

Many of us feel that our concerns have been dismissed before they have even been heard. When democratic representation appears unable or unwilling to protect local communities, people inevitably begin asking how their voices can be heard. That is why many residents have begun discussing democratic self-determination and the possibility of seeking a local referendum to determine our future.

This is not an act of hostility.

It is an expression of profound disappointment that so many ordinary people feel they have exhausted every other avenue.

I respectfully invite you to visit Piddington.

Walk our streets.

Meet our families.

Speak to our elderly residents.

Listen to our children.

See for yourself what this proposal means to those who must live with its consequences.

Leadership is strongest when it listens before it decides.

I hope you will choose to listen.

Yours sincerely,

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Prime Minister's Office
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