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Dear Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP,
I am writing as a long-standing resident of the Bicester area and as a parent of [redacted] who attend the primary school [redacted] to the proposed asylum centre on the Bicester A-site. I also work less than a mile from the location, so the impact of this decision will be felt directly by my family and by many people I know.
I appreciate that this complex and may already be progressing, but I feel it is important to express the deep concern shared across our community. The overwhelming sentiment among residents is that this development will have significant and lasting consequences for Bicester and the surrounding area. Many fear increased pressure on local services, disruption or destruction of community cohesion, and the potential more and increasingly polarised protests, tension, economic decline and the breaking up of communities as some seek to leave the area. Even those who are not actively opposed often express a sense of resignation — a belief that the government is not listening to local voices.
I want to emphasise that our concerns are not rooted in hostility toward people seeking safety. [redacted] has already welcomed 16 Afghan families, and although this initially caused uncertainty and division, our community has worked hard to support their integration. Progress has been made, and relationships have begun to strengthen. Unfortunately, the scale and nature of the proposed centre risks undoing that progress and creating new fractures within the community.
Many residents are frightened — not only of the practical impact of housing over a thousand individuals on a single site with limited facilities, but also of the polarisation and radicalisation already emerging in local discussions. We urgently need clarity, guarantees, and meaningful engagement. People want reassurance that their concerns are being heard and that the future of our town is being considered with care.
I am asking you to advocate for the residents of Bicester: to ensure that our voices are represented, that the risks are fully examined, and that alternative solutions are explored. Our community is small, close-knit, and proud. We want to preserve that, and we need your support to do so.
Yours sincerely,
[redacted]