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Fw: Site A, MOD Bicester: Proposal to house 1250 men awaiting asylum processing

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From	[redacted]
To	Ministerial Correspondence
Cc	Calum Miller MP

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Dear Minister of State

Can I just check you have received my email below? I was expecting an automated reply at the very least but as I haven't, I fear my email (and those from everyone else who has written on this subject) have simply disappeared into thin air.

This subject regards an issue categorised as "urgent" by the Government. Therefore replies to our concerns should be treated with urgency too.

If our emails went to the wrong address then kindly let me know the correct one.

Kind regards
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] >
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2026 4:56 pm
To: Ministerial.Correspondence@communities.gov.uk <Ministerial.Correspondence@communities.gov.uk>
Cc: Calum Miller MP <calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: Site A, MOD Bicester: Proposal to house 1250 men awaiting asylum processing

Dear Secretaries of State,

Site A is 7.4 miles from our village.

Campsfield House Immigration Centre is 7.5 miles away in the opposite direction.

Therefore I live precisely in the [redacted] sites.

Newly reopened Campsfield House was closed in 2018. It was deemed inhumane and had led to escapees committing crimes locally. In 2018 it housed 282 people. This figure is now due to expand to 400.

Site A (Bicester) will house almost 4 times as many. The inhabitants will be allowed to roam freely, despite the fact that their backgrounds are completely unknown to any authorities. Using a Crown Development Order which is ONLY used in "nationally important and urgent cases" implies there is a need for tight security. So my first questions are:-

How will you keep our community safe?
Will you relieve the extra pressure on our services whilst applications are processed?
How long with the situation last for?

If you were to argue that there is no perceived threat from 1250 single men with nothing to occupy them, then my next question in that case would be: Why can they not be split up into smaller, more manageable groups and spread around the country in less remote areas where they can access transport and possible work?

Finally, why not consult and include the local community in the planning process? The undemocratic way the government has gone about this is shocking and not what I associate with Labour's values. It also contradicts the new

PM’s promise of greater local control. The term ‘urgent’ is laughable when the proposal was made 9 months ago. It smacks of ‘sneaking in’ the decision so locals hardly have time to oppose it or make suggestions. My understanding is there have been even further delays. At the very least you may find local knowledge helpful if we are allowed to enter discussions about the plans.

This letter is not written out of racism (I personally was a volunteer teaching English to asylum seekers). It is not written out of NIMBISM (I believe Site A could be used for new housing or a new prison). This letter is written out of common sense.

I strongly believe in the humanitarian need to look after those who seek refuge but surely it should NOT be at the expense of our own citizens. Especially in an area full of villages with very low security measures and very few facilities.

I look forward to your response which I hope will be reassuring.

Yours, with respect

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