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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 use of the site for such a large asylum accommodation facility is very controversial and widely opposed locally. It is therefore extremely important that local people, as well as our local representatives in the councils, health services, police and other relevant services, are given sufficient information and adequate time to consider the proposal and make an informed response.

It is clearly unreasonable for this matter to be considered “urgent”. The Government has had approximately nine months to consider the proposal, yet local residents are being given only a matter of days to contribute to a consultation that could have a significant and lasting impact on our community.

I am also deeply concerned about the potential impact on my own mental health and sense of personal safety. I regularly run locally, including along roads and routes around the area of the proposed site. These roads have little or no lighting, particularly at times when I would normally exercise. I am already very concerned about how I will feel using these routes if the proposal goes ahead and there is a substantial increase in the number of people using or moving through the area.

For me, this is not simply a political or planning issue. Being able to exercise outdoors is important to my physical and mental wellbeing, and I am concerned that fear about personal safety and the lack of adequate lighting could significantly affect my ability to continue doing so. I believe these concerns deserve proper consideration as part of any assessment of the proposal.

More broadly, a development of this scale has obvious implications for local infrastructure, policing, healthcare, transport and the safety and wellbeing of existing residents. These matters should be properly assessed and local residents should have a meaningful opportunity to comment before any decision is made.

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 residents and our elected representatives have a proper opportunity to be heard about a proposal that will affect us far more directly than any Secretary of State or Minister in London.

Yours sincerely

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