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Case Title

MOD Bicester site A

Enquiry Description

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a local resident to strongly 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.

I am extremely concerned that local residents have not been properly consulted about a proposal of this scale, despite the enormous impact it could have on our local community. This is not a minor planning application; it has the potential to significantly affect local services, policing, roads, healthcare and the safety and wellbeing of people who live in the surrounding area.

On 9 July, my MP, Calum Miller, was informed by a Defence Minister that the Home Office first approached the MOD about using this site in November 2025. If the Government has been considering this proposal since then, I simply cannot understand why it is now being treated as an urgent planning matter, leaving local residents with only a matter of days to properly understand what is being proposed and make their views known.

I am particularly worried about the safety of my family, friends and neighbours, as well as the security of our homes and properties. There have already been serious concerns and incidents reported in other communities where large numbers of predominantly young adult male migrants have been accommodated, and I do not believe it is unreasonable for local residents to ask what measures will be put in place to protect our community and its existing residents.

I also find it deeply concerning that local people, who will actually have to live with the consequences of this decision, appear to have been given so little opportunity to have their voices heard. Our local councils, police, health services and other public bodies also need sufficient information and time to properly assess the potential impact on the services they provide.

The Government has had approximately nine months to consider the use of this site. It cannot therefore be reasonable to describe the planning process as “urgent” simply because the Government has now decided that it wishes to proceed quickly.

I am not asking for local people to be ignored or for the proposal to be decided before it has been properly considered. I am asking for exactly the opposite: that the normal planning process is followed, that the appropriate local authorities and public services are properly consulted, and that residents are given a genuine and meaningful opportunity to express their views.

This is our community, our homes and the place where our families live. The people who will be most directly affected should not be given only days to respond to a decision that the Government itself has apparently been considering for many months.

I therefore urge you to withdraw consent for this proposal to be treated as an urgent planning application and instead insist that the usual planning process is followed, allowing local residents and our elected representatives a proper opportunity to be heard.

Yours sincerely,



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