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Case Title

Objection to the urgent planning at MOD Bicester

Enquiry Description

Dear Secretary of State,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the use of the urgent planning process for the proposal to accommodate 1,250 plus single adult male asylum seekers at Site A, MOD Bicester.

Although I do not live in the immediate area, I have great sympathy for the small communities, including Piddington, that are having to deal with the implications of this proposal and, importantly, what appears to be a fundamentally undemocratic process.

On 9 July, the 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 proposal to use the site for such a large asylum accommodation facility is highly controversial and widely opposed locally. Given the scale and potential impact of the proposal, it is entirely reasonable that local residents, along with their elected representatives and the councils, health services, police and other organisations that will be affected, should be given sufficient information and a proper opportunity to consider and respond to it.

It is difficult to understand how this proposal can now legitimately be treated as “urgent”. The Government has apparently been considering the use of this site for around nine months, yet local communities are being given only a matter of days to make their views known. That cannot be regarded as a meaningful or fair consultation on a proposal of this scale.

Small communities such as Piddington should not be expected to bear the consequences of decisions made with inadequate consultation and without a proper opportunity for democratic scrutiny. Whatever one's views on asylum policy, the process by which decisions affecting local communities are made must be transparent, proportionate and fair.

I therefore urge you to withdraw consent for this proposal to be treated as an urgent application and instead require the usual planning process to be followed. This would allow local residents and their elected representatives to properly consider the proposal and ensure that the voices of the communities most directly affected are genuinely heard.

I may not live in the immediate area, but I believe strongly that the concerns of small communities such as Piddington deserve to be heard and respected. The precedent set by allowing such a significant proposal to bypass the normal planning process concerns us all.

Yours sincerely,

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