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To: Crown Casework
Subject: Formal objection to Site A, Piddington, Oxfordshire
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register a formal objection to the proposal to accommodate around 1,250 migrants at the MOD site in Piddington.

This objection is not related to the background, nationality or immigration status of those who may be housed there. My concerns arise from the sheer scale of the proposal and the ability of Piddington and its neighbouring rural communities to absorb a population increase of this magnitude.

1. Scale of the proposal

Piddington is a small rural village of roughly 315 residents. Introducing approximately 1,250 additional people would increase the population to around 1,565 — almost five times its current size.

Such a dramatic change cannot be regarded as a minor expansion. It would fundamentally alter the size, character and functioning of the settlement. Any assessment must therefore consider proportionality and the wider impact on the community, not simply whether the MOD buildings can physically contain the proposed number of occupants.

2. Limited local facilities

Piddington lacks the basic amenities normally associated with a settlement of even modest size. There is no shop, no pub and no local services providing everyday essentials.

As a result, most of the new residents would inevitably need to travel elsewhere for food, healthcare, recreation and other necessities. This raises serious questions about:

- public transport capacity
- traffic and road safety
- pressure on neighbouring villages
- access to essential services

The proposal must therefore be evaluated in the context of the wider area, not solely the MOD site boundary.

3. Pedestrian infrastructure

Piddington has very limited pavements and footways. Rural roads without pavements are common, and the village is not designed to support large volumes of pedestrian movement.

An influx of 1,250 residents would inevitably lead to increased walking between the site,

bus stops, nearby settlements and local services. A thorough assessment is required to examine:

- likely pedestrian routes
- footway adequacy
- road crossing points
- traffic speeds and visibility

4. Street lighting

Street lighting in and around Piddington is limited, and some lighting is switched off overnight. Expecting large numbers of people to walk along unlit rural roads raises clear safety concerns.

A specific night-time safety assessment should be provided to demonstrate that pedestrian routes would be safe and suitable.

5. Healthcare and public services

An additional population of this size would place considerable pressure on already stretched public services. Evidence is required regarding the capacity of:

- GP practices
- dentists
- pharmacies and hospitals
- ambulance, police and fire services

It should not be assumed that existing services can absorb this increase without significant impact.

6. Emergency access

Given the rural nature of Piddington, emergency access arrangements must be clearly demonstrated. This includes:

- emergency vehicle access
- evacuation planning
- fire safety
- safeguarding
- medical response capacity

These matters must be assessed against current service capability.

7. Impact on neighbouring communities

Because Piddington has almost no facilities, neighbouring villages would inevitably experience increased demand on:

- shops and supermarkets
- healthcare
- public transport
- roads and public spaces
- emergency services

The cumulative impact across the wider area must be fully considered.

8. Community cohesion and village character

Introducing a population almost four times larger than the existing community will inevitably affect the character and social dynamics of the village. Successful integration requires appropriate scale, infrastructure and support — none of which have been demonstrated.

A clear plan is needed to show how community cohesion will be supported and how both existing and new residents will access essential services.

9. Suitability of the location

The presence of buildings on the MOD site does not automatically make it an appropriate location for accommodation on this scale. Suitability must be assessed holistically, including:

- transport
- healthcare
- pedestrian safety
- lighting
- emergency provision
- access to shops and services
- environmental impact
- effects on neighbouring communities

A site that can physically house people is not necessarily one that can sustainably support them.

10. Request for evidence

Before any decision is made, I request publication of the assessments underpinning the identification of Piddington as a suitable location, including:

- traffic and transport impact
- pedestrian and night-time safety
- healthcare and emergency service capacity
- utilities and waste management
- environmental considerations
- safeguarding
- cumulative impact on neighbouring settlements
- justification for selecting a site that would increase the local population by almost fivefold

Conclusion

I respectfully ask that this proposal is reconsidered or that a more proportionate location is identified.

This objection is not about whether migrants should be provided with safe and appropriate accommodation — they should. It is about whether it is reasonable to place approximately 1,250 people in a rural village of 315 residents with no shop, no pub, limited infrastructure, inadequate pavements and restricted street lighting.

Without compelling evidence that these issues have been properly assessed and addressed, there are strong grounds to conclude that the site is unsuitable for accommodation on this scale.

I therefore request that this objection is formally recorded and fully considered.

Yours faithfully

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