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To: Crown Casework
Subject: FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED USE OF THE MOD SITE AT PIDDINGTON FOR MIGRANT ACCOMMODATION
Date: 07 September 2026 08:38:54

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed use of the MOD site at Piddington to accommodate around 1,250 asylum seekers.

I appreciate that suitable accommodation needs to be found, but I have serious concerns about whether this is the right location and whether the impact on Piddington and the surrounding villages has been properly considered.

My concerns are mainly around the sheer scale of the proposal, the lack of local facilities and transport, pressure on local services, road safety and the suitability of the site itself.

The size of the proposal

Piddington is a very small village with fewer than 400 residents. The proposal would bring around 1,250 additional people into the area.

That is a huge increase compared with the existing population and, in my view, it is difficult to see how this can be considered proportionate for such a small rural community.

My concern is not simply whether the site itself can physically accommodate 1,250 people. It is whether the surrounding infrastructure, roads, services and facilities can realistically cope with such a significant increase in population.

I would also like to understand what proper impact and risk assessments have been carried out and whether these have been made available to local residents.

Transport and pedestrian safety

One of my biggest concerns is the lack of facilities and safe transport options around the site.

Piddington has very limited local amenities. There is no shop and no regular public transport directly serving the site. The road outside the proposed site also has no pavement or street lighting.

The road is winding, has limited visibility in places and has a 60 mph speed limit. This does not provide what I would consider a safe environment for large numbers of pedestrians.

If people staying at the site need to leave on foot, particularly outside any organised transport times, there are obvious concerns about their safety as well as the safety of other road users.

This is something I believe needs to be properly addressed rather than assuming that organised transport will solve the issue.

Pressure on local services

I am also concerned about the potential impact on local healthcare and other public services.

Even if some support and facilities are provided on the site, people will inevitably need to access services in the wider area, including GPs, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and emergency services.

Adding around 1,250 people to the area is likely to create additional demand, and I would like to see clear evidence that the capacity of local services has been properly assessed.

If additional resources are required, it should also be clear who will fund these and how they will be provided without negatively affecting existing residents.

Impact on surrounding villages and towns

The impact should not be considered in relation to Piddington alone.

Given the lack of facilities within the village, people staying at the site are likely to use facilities in surrounding towns and villages. This could put additional pressure on local shops, pharmacies, healthcare, transport and other services across the wider area.

The proposal therefore needs to be looked at from a wider community perspective rather than treating the MOD site as an isolated location.

Is the site actually suitable?

I believe there is an important difference between a site being large enough to accommodate people and it being a suitable place for them to live.

The assessment should take into account the wider environment, including:

- access to public transport;
- safe pedestrian routes;
- road conditions and speed limits;
- street lighting;
- access to shops and essential services;
- healthcare and emergency services;
- recreational facilities;
- access to support services; and
- the impact on neighbouring communities.

When all of these factors are considered together, I have serious doubts about whether Piddington is an appropriate location for accommodation on this scale.

HMP Bullingdon and security

I also believe the proximity of HMP Bullingdon needs to be properly considered as part of the site assessment.

I want to be clear that I am not suggesting that asylum seekers are criminals or that individuals staying at the site should be assumed to pose a security risk.

My concern is simply that placing a large accommodation site close to a prison creates additional security considerations which should be properly assessed.

For example, the potential use of drones or other objects in the direction of the prison should be considered as part of the overall security assessment. The issue is the physical proximity of the two sites and whether appropriate security measures would be sufficient to manage any foreseeable risks.

Conclusion

I fully appreciate the wider need to provide accommodation, but I do not believe that automatically makes every available site suitable.

In this case, the proposed scale of the accommodation appears completely disproportionate to the size of Piddington and raises genuine concerns about transport, safety, infrastructure, local services and the wider impact on neighbouring communities.

I therefore ask that the proposal is reconsidered and, ideally, that a more suitable and proportionate location is found.

At the very least, I believe a full and transparent assessment of the impact on Piddington and the surrounding area should be completed and made available to local residents before any final decision is made.

Please record this letter as a formal objection and take the points raised into consideration as part of the decision-making process.

Yours faithfully,

Best Regards,

