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To: Crown Casework
Subject: Representation regarding MOD Bicester Site A – PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843
Date: 07 September 2026 21:15:15

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development at MOD Bicester Site A, reference PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843, and to ask that my concerns are taken into account when the application is determined.

I live in the surrounding area and regularly travel through the rural roads and lanes around the proposed site. I am particularly concerned about whether this location is genuinely suitable for a development of this scale, with provision for up to 1,256 single adult residents.

My greatest concern is road and pedestrian safety.

The site is in isolated location, surrounded by rural roads which in places are narrow, winding, poorly lit and without pavements.

As we move into the autumn and winter months, darkness comes very early. These roads are completely unlit, and visibility for drivers is already difficult. I am genuinely concerned about the consequences of a very large number of pedestrians using these roads, particularly after dark.

I am worried about the potential for serious accidents involving pedestrians walking along narrow, unlit country roads. As a driver who uses these roads, I do not want to find myself in the horrific position of being unable to see a pedestrian in the road until it is too late, potentially resulting in someone being seriously injured or killed.

I therefore believe that the suitability and safety of the surrounding highway needs to be properly demonstrated before permission is granted. I would like to see clear evidence addressing how residents are realistically expected to travel between the site and surrounding communities.

I am also concerned about safeguarding and community safety, particularly given the scale of the proposed population and the isolated nature of the site. I have children and regularly travel through and use the surrounding villages, and I believe the impact of locating such a large population in an isolated former military site needs to be properly assessed.

I am not objecting to individual asylum seekers or making assumptions about the character of the people who may be accommodated there. My concern is with whether the proposed location, scale and infrastructure are appropriate and whether sufficient safeguards have been demonstrated for both the people accommodated on the site and the existing surrounding communities.

I am also concerned that the scale of the proposal could place additional pressure on local policing, healthcare, emergency services and other infrastructure. A development accommodating up to 1,256 people for a proposed period of at least ten years is effectively the creation of a very substantial new population in an area which is predominantly rural. I believe the application needs to demonstrate convincingly that the necessary infrastructure and services are capable of supporting this.

More broadly, I question whether this isolated location is an appropriate and sustainable site for accommodation on this scale. The Government's own application describes the proposal as including accommodation, health and welfare facilities, roads, access ways, security infrastructure, parking, staff facilities, wastewater infrastructure and recreational areas. This is therefore far more than simply making temporary use of an existing building.

I respectfully ask the Secretary of State to give particular consideration to:

- the safety of pedestrians on the surrounding rural road network;
- the lack of lighting and pedestrian infrastructure on surrounding roads;
- the potential for increased pedestrian movements after dark, particularly during the autumn and winter;
- whether the proposed transport and travel arrangements are realistic and sufficiently safe;
- the adequacy of security and safeguarding arrangements;
- the impact of a development of this scale on policing, emergency services and local infrastructure;
- the suitability of this isolated rural location for a development accommodating up to 1,256 people; and
- whether the application has adequately identified and mitigated the potential impacts on neighbouring villages and communities.

I appreciate that this is an application of national importance, but that should not remove the need for proper consideration of the very real local planning and safety consequences.

Please treat this email as my formal representation in relation to application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843.

Yours faithfully,

