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Subject: Personal Representation in Objection - PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843 - MOD Bicester Site A - Shirley Grant, Resident of Blackthorn,
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To the Crown Casework Unitp

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to

Application Reference: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you as a resident of [redacted] doing her best to put in writing and explain what this proposal has done to my life.

[redacted]. That was not a decision I took lightly - I had my life in [redacted] my friends, my routines. But it made sense for many reasons and so I made the move. I came here because I was told - and because I believed - that I would be safer and more settled near my family. For [redacted] now, that has been true – but now it has all changed, very suddenly.

Since the announcement about Site A, I have not slept properly. I am anxious in a way I have not been before. I do not feel safe in the way I did when I arrived here. My daughter and her husband will not be comfortable going away (for example on holiday) and leaving me, because neither of us feels comfortable with me being here alone. That is not something any of us planned for. It is a consequence of this announcement.

I go to craft groups and coffee mornings in [redacted] - that is where my friends are, and where my community has grown since I moved here. The women I meet there - women of my age, women who have lived in these villages for years - are frightened. That is the only word for it. We do not talk about planning applications or government procedures but about whether we feel safe, and the honest answer, since this was announced, is that we do not.

Those groups matter to me more than I can easily say. At [redacted] getting out, seeing people, staying connected - these are not small things. They are what keeps me well. I drive to [redacted] alone, along quiet rural roads, so since the announcement, I have found myself thinking about what I would do if my car broke down on one of those roads near the site - if I were suddenly surrounded by large groups of men I did not know, with no one nearby and no way to feel safe. I have mentioned this to my friends and they feel the same. I am now genuinely uncertain whether I will feel able to keep going to Piddington. That is not something I ever expected to be saying about a short drive through the countryside to see my friends. But it is the truth.

I want to say something that is difficult to put into words. I feel as though, through no fault of my own, I have become something that holds my daughter and her husband back. They would never say it - they are too kind - but because of the way things are now, they feel they cannot leave me here alone. I know that is not my fault or theirs, at all. But I feel it every day, and it has changed how I am in my home.

There is also a practical concern I feel I should raise. I am on the mortgage for this property. I had planned, when the time was right, to come off it - to hand that responsibility properly to my daughter and her husband as it should be. I now worry that falling property values may affect their ability to renew their mortgage on the terms they need, and that what was meant to be a straightforward step for our family has been made uncertain by this announcement. These are not fears about the distant future. They are concerns I am carrying now, every day.

I would also ask the decision-maker to note two things - The Home Office's own documents identify elderly residents as a group whose health may be adversely affected by this development. [redacted] I have not seen anything in this application that explains what has been done to address that. The roads I drive to reach [redacted] are, I have since learned, roads for which the application contains no proper safety assessment at all. As a [redacted] driving alone on unlit rural roads with no footway, that matters to me. It should matter to this process.

I am not a person who writes letters like this. I have lived a quiet life, tried to cause no trouble, and got on with things. I am writing now because I want the person reading this to understand that behind every document and every statistic, there are real people whose real lives are being affected - right now, before anything has even been built.

I came to [redacted] to feel safer. I no longer do. I ask you to please take that into account.

Yours sincerely

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