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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a member of the public to object to planning application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843, the proposed 1,256-person asylum accommodation centre at Site A, MOD Bicester, Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, Oxfordshire, OX25 1AE.

I strongly object and request that planning permission be refused.

I am concerned with the lack of completeness of the evidence submitted with the application. Important ecological and technical work have not been completed and significant questions remain around fire safety, ground conditions and the suitability of the site.

The ground contamination has not been fully investigated, previous land-quality work identified potential contamination issues, yet no borehole investigation has been carried out to resolve those risks.

There are significant flooding and drainage concerns with parts of the site at high risk of surface-water flooding and aspects of the drainage strategy remain unresolved.

The Transport Assessment repeatedly refers to the wrong road, while the B4011 serving the site has limited pedestrian infrastructure and a recorded history of serious collisions.

The application has not demonstrated a confirmed permanent solution for essential infrastructure such as electricity and wastewater.

The proposal huge for an isolated rural location with limited surrounding infrastructure, public transport and few services within walking distance.

The extremely short representation period does not provide sufficient time for residents, councils and technical specialists to properly examine such a substantial and complicated application. The application documents run to well over 1,000 pages across multiple technical disciplines, and it is not reasonable to expect them to be read and properly considered in so short a time. Ordinary planning applications carry a minimum 21 day period, and the standard Crown Development route prescribes 21 days at every stage, so I ask that the representation period be extended to at least 21 days from 7 September 2026, to Monday 28 September 2026, since the 21st day falls on a Sunday.

This site has previously been considered for asylum accommodation: a smaller proposal was refused by an independent Planning Inspector before subsequently being cancelled.

These issues mean I do not believe the applicant has demonstrated that Site A is a suitable location for a development of this scale.

I therefore request that planning permission be refused.

If the Secretary of State is nevertheless minded to approve the application, I ask that no

decision is made until outstanding work concerning drainage, flooding, wastewater, contamination, ecology, highways, pedestrian safety, power supply, lighting, noise, fire safety and decommissioning has been completed and made available for proper scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,

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