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To: Crown Casework
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[redacted] THE MOD SITE AT PIDDINGTON FOR MIGRANT ACCOMMODATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

Three hundred people call this village home,

A quiet rural place where generations have grown.

To add twelve hundred more would change its face-

Not just a building, but the whole community and place.

I am writing to formally object to the proposal to accommodate approximately 1,250 migrants at the MOD site in Piddington.

My objection is not based on nationality, ethnicity or immigration status. It is based on the extraordinary scale of the proposal and whether Piddington and the surrounding communities have the infrastructure and services necessary to support such a substantial increase in population.

Piddington has approximately 315 existing residents. Adding around 1,250 people would increase the population by almost four times and fundamentally change the scale, character and atmosphere of this small rural community.

There are several serious concerns:

• Infrastructure and facilities

Piddington has very limited local facilities, including no village shop or public house. A population of this size would inevitably place significant additional pressure on neighbouring villages and their shops, healthcare,

transport and other services.

• Roads and pedestrian safety

The village and surrounding area have limited pavements and pedestrian infrastructure. Large numbers of additional residents travelling on foot would create obvious safety concerns, particularly on rural roads.

• Noise and disturbance

Piddington is a small and quiet rural community. Introducing approximately 1,250 additional residents would inevitably result in a significant increase in activity, including pedestrian movements, vehicles, deliveries, visitors and general day-to-day noise.

This could represent a substantial change to the existing noise environment for residents living nearby, particularly during evenings and overnight periods.

The potential impact of increased noise, disturbance and activity on residents' quality of life should therefore be properly assessed. A suitable noise and disturbance assessment, including consideration of evening and night-time activity, should be undertaken before the proposal is approved.

It should also be considered whether appropriate measures can realistically prevent unreasonable noise and disturbance to the existing community, given the sheer scale of the proposed accommodation.

• Lighting

Some local street lighting is switched off overnight. The combination of unlit roads, limited pavements and a greatly increased population requires proper assessment of night-time pedestrian and highway safety.

• Healthcare and emergency services

There must be clear evidence that GP surgeries, dentists, pharmacies,

hospitals, police, fire and ambulance services have sufficient capacity to meet the additional demand.

• Transport and traffic

The proposal is likely to generate significant additional pedestrian, vehicle and public transport movements. The impact on Piddington and neighbouring communities should be properly assessed rather than considering the MOD site in isolation.

• Impact on neighbouring communities

Because Piddington has so few facilities, many residents of the proposed accommodation would necessarily rely upon services elsewhere. The cumulative impact on surrounding villages must therefore form part of any assessment.

Most importantly, the fact that the MOD buildings may be capable of accommodating 1,250 people does not necessarily mean that Piddington is a suitable location for a population of this scale.

Successful communities require more than buildings. They require safe roads and footpaths, adequate transport, healthcare, emergency services, essential facilities, recreation and appropriate support.

I therefore respectfully request that, before any decision is made, the authorities provide clear evidence that the following have been properly assessed and adequately resourced:

- Highway, traffic and pedestrian safety;
- Noise, disturbance and night-time activity;
- Night-time safety and street lighting;
- Public transport capacity;
- Healthcare and emergency service capacity;
- Fire safety and evacuation arrangements;

- Water, sewage and waste infrastructure;
- Environmental impacts;
- Safeguarding and community cohesion; and
- The cumulative impact on Piddington and neighbouring communities.

The issue is not whether people seeking accommodation should be treated properly. The question is whether it is reasonable and sustainable to accommodate approximately 1,250 people in a community of approximately 315 residents without fundamentally overwhelming its existing infrastructure, services and rural character.

I therefore respectfully ask that this proposal be reconsidered and refused, or that a more proportionate and suitable location be identified.

Please record this letter as a formal objection and give its contents full consideration before any decision is made.

Yours faithfully,

Georgina Scoble
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