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Planning ref: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

Dear Secretary of State,

Please register my formal objection to application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843 for the temporary change of use of the former defence storage & distribution centre site (MOD Bicester A - site) in connection with the phased provision of non-detained asylum accommodation.

The site is situated within the Parish of Piddington [redacted] my objection is based on the proposal planning merits.

I am concerned about the lack of assessment undertaken on a number of matters. Firstly, the lack of a full and comprehensive ecological assessment. As a resident unfortunate enough to own property in close proximity to the site I experience a wealth of wildlife within my property. These include but are not limited to badges, bats, birds, newts. Bats and birds were commented on by the local authority ecologist during a recent planning application on my property. All of which I have seen coming to and from the woodlands at the back of the site. Many of which are protected and endangered. The lack of proper baseline information about species on site and assessment of the impact of the occupied development will have on this wildlife is of concern. No assessment of these protected species, during the appropriate surveying window or to national standards has been undertaken. The preliminary ecological report was undertaken in March. Therefore the impact of feeding and foraging ground, habitat loss or disruption have not been fully assessed.

Furthermore, the lack of certainty on how utilities will be supplied to the site raises further questions on the impact on wildlife. No assessment of impact of the use of lighting for the site, the use of generators to power the site along with the vibration and noise from vehicles and human use has been undertaken. These impacts on the local wildlife, along with neighbouring properties, has not been assessed or consulted on. Therefore a full understanding of the site impact on the wildlife has not been consulted on for review by the relevant consultees.

Should you be minded to approve this application on such little information appropriate pre commencement conditions should be applied to the permission. Including but not limited to undertake fully and comprehensive ecological survey during correct surveying periods for each species to the appropriate standards and to consult with Natural England and Local Planning Authority Ecological teams on the finds and mitigation. The mitigation need to be discharged as part of a pre commencement condition.

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These pre commencement conditions need to discharged in conjunction with or after pre commencement conditions on the use of utilities for the site have been discharged.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Brown