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Sent: 13 September 2026 19:45
To: Crown Casework
Subject: Objection to the proposed use of MOD Bicester Site A as an Asylum Centre

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about plans to convert MOD Bicester Site A into an asylum centre for 1,256 men.

The site juxtaposes the small rural village of Piddington of approximately 350 residents, of which [redacted] are female. These women will be outnumbered 10:1. Male asylum seekers will be undetained, and will therefore have the freedom to come and go as they please. Clearly, the women of Piddington, as well as those living and working in neighbouring villages, have real concerns regarding their safety and security with such large numbers of men potentally roaming what is a quiet, rural area. I can assure you that the children and elderly feel equally as vulnerable as the women do.

There are no pavements and very poor lighting along the B4011, the road which serves the site. I understand that buses and bicycles will be provided for the asylum seekers to access nearby towns, but buses can be full/missed and the likelihood of groups of men walking or cycling the B4011 is fairly high. Any walking parties would have to walk in road itself. This is dangerous, particularly when dark.

My understanding is that the site in its current state does not have a sufficient electricity supply to sustain 1,256 occupants and as a result 3-4 diesel generators would have to be installed. Similarly, the existing water supply and sewerage is insufficient to meet the demands of the proposal. The cost to the tax payer here is ratcheting up markedly if the site requires substantial works to upgrade its services. Has a search been undertaken to identify sites with sufficient utilities already in place?

Furthermore, I do not feel that the UK Government has given sufficient time and due consideration as to the suitability of using MOD Bicester Site A as an asylum centre. Nor has it clearly and openly consulted with any local residents or people that will be affected by the proposal until very recently. Although a consultation period is currently in play, it is noticeably short. A democratic government is supposed to listen to the people it serves, and at least hear their concerns. Please be aware that the proposal has already impacted the area economically, with house sales falling through.

Finally, please give consideration to the impact the proposal will have on the wildlife and conservation value of the site. The Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre has identified the following either on site, or within 2km of it:12 bat species, great crested newts, badgers, otter, polecat, hazel dormouse, 27 bird species that are on the UK Red List and many rare and protected wildflowers. Planning law requires a full and correct ecological assessment before any site changes are made.

I urge you to give due and proper consideration to the impact this proposal will have not only on the people, land and wildlife surrounding MOD Bicester Site A, but also the substantial cost to tax payer, the local ones of which are not set to benefit in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Jacquelyn Grant

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