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Dear Sir/Madam,
[redacted] I'm writing this email to personally object to the proposed change of use and development of Site A, MOD Bicester to provide accommodation for a large number of asylum seekers.

My objections stem from the following facts: firstly, this application is for an initial 1,256 people, with the numbers expected to rise to 3,510 after a phased introduction and a further ordnance clearance programme. This worries me because as it stands, [redacted] the previous proposal for an asylum centre proposed a capped population of 750 people and after a public enquiry and an independent assessment, the proposal didn't go ahead due to the lack of care and utility infrastructure, the site isolation and other salient factors. The site is now to double or treble its capacity, (outnumbering [redacted] population fourfold) and there has been NO material changes since 2003 to the site's suitability, its utilities, or to the dangers of the access routes.
As a driver and a cyclist I have had to assist in several incidents on the main road, the B4011, over the last decade, including lone vehicle crashes due to surface water, multiple vehicle incidents caused by surface contaminants and excessive speeds. For safety reasons I no longer cycle along the B4011, [redacted], as I have personally had several near misses ending up in the verge or in the ditches due to cars and vans travelling too near to me and at speeds exceeding the 50 mph limit. For anyone hoping to walk to the nearest villages or Bicester there are no footpaths or any safe means to get there and I regularly see people who don't know the area walking on the main carriageway. What I would like to see happen, prior to a decision being made, is a full transport feasibility study of the surrounding area including identifying safety measures to control heavy plant movements, planning transport links for service users and assessing the impact of the movement of people in a very unsafe and busy road environment. The B4011 has seen in excess of 50 accidents in the last 6 years alone, two of which were fatalities.
My second objection is to the assumptions being made as to the provision of utilities by the applicant. Their assessment is that the current capacity, condition and configuration of the electrical network is "unknown" and its initial capacity has not been verified. They state their intention of using temporary and permanent generators for the energy usage on site, which will cover everything, including heating, lighting, cooking and hot water for the 1,000 + residents. This gives me grave concern as generators emit high decibel levels and fumes and for a site of this size will need to be operated continuously. What effect will this have on the mental health and well being of any residents at Site A ? [redacted] I have experienced regular power outages over the last decade and these have necessitated relying on generators at the village hall for shared power when the network has been down, sometimes for days at a time.

What about the provision of water and sewerage? The applicant has not as yet sought confirmation of capacity to deal with Site A's water supply or waste water treatment and there is no on site treatment plant. The applicant's foul drainage policy is only at the provisional stage as it requires further inspection, survey and will have compliance notices to face. I'm very concerned about this as [redacted] we already have water supply issues and have regular burst mains, low water pressure and even whole days with no water supply at all. These issues are usually slow to be resolved by South West Water and I think can only get worse.

I request that no decision be made about Site A until the relevant Water authorities have formally confirmed, in writing, that the water needs of site A residents AND the local villages can logistically be met on a long term basis. Water has to be a prime consideration in all cases, especially as we go into a long term drought period due to global warming and with the proposal for a large AI data centre near Bicester and the impact of that on the network.

For all these reasons and a host of others I would urge you to reconsider this application for change of use of Site A, MOD Bicester. This is definitely the wrong site and place for all concerned.

Your sincerely,
Marie-Claire Nixon-Davingoff (Mrs)
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