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Sent: 15 September 2026 21:04
To: Crown Casework
Subject: Formal objection to Urgent Crown Development Application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843

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Dear Crown Casework Team,

I am writing to submit my formal objection to Urgent Crown Development Application **PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843** concerning the proposed use of **MOD Bicester Site A** as asylum accommodation.

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I live in [redacted] with my young family, in [redacted]

I am not objecting to people seeking asylum. My concern is whether this is an appropriate location for accommodation of this scale and duration, and whether the application has properly addressed the consequences for the surrounding community.

Piddington is a very small rural village with limited amenities. It has a village hall and recreation ground, but no shops or wider range of services.

1. Scale and suitability

The proposal would accommodate up to **1,256 people for as long as 10 years**.

Although the Home Office intends the site to be largely self-contained, there would still be regular movement to and from it by residents, staff, security personnel, contractors, deliveries and service vehicles.

A development of this size and duration should therefore be assessed as a substantial long-term use of the site and against the realities of the rural location immediately beside it.

2. Transport and pedestrian safety

The surrounding road network is rural and was not designed to serve a residential facility of this scale.

The development would generate additional traffic from staff, contractors, deliveries, waste collection, taxis and other service vehicles.

There is also no continuous safe footway between the proposed site, Piddington and surrounding destinations.

The application should clearly demonstrate where residents are expected to walk, what routes they would use and how those journeys can be made safely.

3. Electricity, generators and drainage

The adequacy of the electricity supply must be demonstrated.

If generators are required, the application should identify their number, location, operating hours, noise, emissions, fuel storage, fuel deliveries and maintenance requirements.

The application should also explain how foul and surface-water drainage will operate and what contingency arrangements would apply if systems fail or require maintenance.

If wastewater tankering is required, those HGV movements should be included within the transport assessment.

4. Ecology, lighting and land condition

The site and surrounding countryside form part of a sensitive rural environment.

The effects of construction, lighting, fencing, vehicle movements and long-term occupation should be properly assessed.

Any outstanding ecological surveys, contamination risks, unexploded ordnance concerns or archaeological investigations should be resolved before permission is granted.

A detailed lighting strategy should also address the effects of security and operational lighting on residents, landscape character and wildlife.

5. Healthcare, fire safety and emergency resilience

The application should make clear which healthcare and support services will be delivered on site and which will rely on existing provision elsewhere.

Fire-safety arrangements should include emergency access, water supply and evacuation.

There should also be robust plans for power failure, water-supply failure, drainage failure, fire, extreme weather, medical incidents, security incidents and evacuation.

These issues should be resolved before the development becomes operational.

6. Community safety and village life

Residents would **not be detained and would be free to leave the site while their asylum claims are still being processed**.

I believe it is reasonable to ask what assessment has been made of safeguarding, policing, movement from the site and incident response, particularly given the size and rural nature of Piddington.

This is not an assumption that individuals will present a risk. It is a request for clear evidence about how a development of this scale would operate safely alongside the existing community.

I am also concerned about the possibility of protest activity and attention from extremist or far-right groups. Similar asylum accommodation proposals elsewhere have attracted demonstrations and significant policing requirements. That potential impact should also be considered.

The personal effect on my family is important. The recreation ground is the **only shared green space available to our community**. My [redacted] loves football and this is where he goes to kick a ball and play.

I also regularly run through the village and along the surrounding rural lanes, including by myself in the evenings.

If this proposal meant that I no longer felt able to use these spaces with the same confidence and freedom, or felt I had to change where or when my children played or when I ran alone, that would materially affect our everyday family life.

7. Cumulative impact

The effects of this proposal should not be considered separately.

Generators may create noise, emissions and fuel deliveries. Drainage constraints may create tanker movements. Off-site services may create additional traffic. Security arrangements and protest activity may increase policing and operational demands.

The cumulative impact on Piddington and the surrounding rural area should therefore be fully assessed.

8. Urgency must not replace proper scrutiny

I recognise the Government's need to provide asylum accommodation.

However, the Urgent Crown Development process should not reduce the level of evidence required to demonstrate that a site is suitable.

A proposal of this scale and duration requires proper scrutiny, particularly where significant infrastructure, environmental, safeguarding and safety questions remain unresolved.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I do not believe the application demonstrates that MOD Bicester Site A is an appropriate or sustainable location for accommodation on the scale proposed.

I therefore ask that the application be refused unless and until the outstanding concerns around transport, pedestrian safety, infrastructure, ecology, emergency resilience, community safety and the cumulative impact on Piddington have been properly addressed.

Yours faithfully,

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