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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to object to this proposed asylum centre at MOD Bicester Site A, and I ask that planning permission is refused.

This is not an urgent matter. It is inappropriate to use dictatorial powers.
Twenty five years ago my neighbour, [redacted] founded the Bicester Action Group to fight against a similar but smaller proposal. It was her life's work, and she must be turning in her grave.
It was the wrong solution then, and it is the wrong solution now.
Both for the taxpayer, and for the asylum seeker that deserves better treatment.

The National Audit Office will not applaud an attempt to build a very expensive facility looking like a concentration camp in the middle of nowhere.
We have a duty to care for these immigrants, but there is nothing here for them.
The site is contaminated, but the extent is unknown.
There is no accommodation, and no services such as water, sewage, gas, internet, and electricity.
Modular units proved unsuitable on the Libby Stockholm, so why would they work here?

It will be difficult to find staff of any kind, particularly doctors, nurses and dentists.
Bullingdon Prison, opposite site A , is really struggling to keep staff.
This may delay the opening of their new wing.
The prison has attracted criminal gangs supplying drugs, weapons, etc to inmates.
A local farmer was recently bombed with packets of cocaine when a drone went off course.
I am worried these gangs will exploit camp residents and introduce them to a life of crime.

Site A is still used for important bomb detection work, and there is a civilian tenant requiring 12 months notice to vacate.
It is also a habitat for some endangered species.
It is on the edge of flood zones 2 and 3 with predicted surface water depth up to 600mm.

The site is crossed by high voltage power lines, but there is no substation to serve a camp.
Electromagnetic interference may make it difficult to operate mobile phones.
There are practical difficulties in building accommodation nearby, and the risks must be assessed.
The cables connect the substations at Cowley and East Claydon and are a critical part of the 400kv ring main serving London and the Home Counties.
Any incident (such as an unexploded bomb) damaging a cable would render the ring inoperative, with widespread power cuts.

The road serving the site is the B4011 with a poor accident record.
I have been driving through Oxfordshire since 1968, with only one serious accident on 31 March 2004.
This was on the B4011 near the gates to site A.
A lady pulled out of Widnell Lane immediately in front of my motorcycle.
I hit her front wheel and summersaulted over her bonnet. I still have severe back pain today.
She claimed she never saw me. I was in a line of cars all obeying the speed limit.
The problem is poor visibility near the Site A gates, and will be very difficult to solve.

I am elderly, living alone, and very concerned for my personal safety.
For the same reason my daughters and granddaughters will not visit me if the centre goes ahead.
The children's park in Blackthorn Village will be abandoned.
I cannot move because my house is now worthless and unsaleable.

My life is effectively finished.

Banks and Buiding Societys no longer provide mortgages in this area.
Estate Agents are selling nothing.
Revenus from stamp duty and inheritance tax are falling.
Building development is stopping.
This exacerbates the housing shortage and rough sleeping crisis.

When Andy Burnham became Prime Minister he vowed to end rough sleeping, but here he is doing the opposite,
and destroying rural communities in the process.
He also vowed to move power away from central government to local people and their representatives.
Here he is doing the opposite, ignoring the local people and our Cherwell planning authority.

These are my personal views, but they reflect the views of everyone I meet in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.
Nobody has told me they are in favour of the scheme.
I respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

Yours sincerely,

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