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Subject: Objection to planning application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843, Site A, MOD Bicester, Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, Oxfordshire, OX25 1AE

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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to object to planning application **PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843**, for the proposed accommodation of up to 1,256 asylum seekers at Site A, MOD Bicester, Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, Oxfordshire, OX25 1AE.

I respectfully ask that planning permission be refused.

My principal concern is that the application does not yet provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that this is a safe, suitable and sustainable location for a development of this scale. A number of important technical matters remain unresolved or require further investigation.

Ground conditions and contamination remain a particular concern. Previous land-quality work identified potential contamination risks, yet these have not been resolved through borehole investigation. For a development intended to accommodate more than 1,200 people, these risks should be properly investigated before any decision is made.

There are also **significant flooding and drainage concerns**. Parts of the site are at high risk of surface-water flooding, while important elements of the proposed drainage strategy remain unresolved. These are fundamental questions about the suitability and resilience of the site.

The **transport evidence** also raises concerns. The Transport Assessment repeatedly refers to the wrong road, which calls into question the reliability of parts of the assessment. The B4011 serving the site has limited pedestrian infrastructure and a recorded history of serious collisions. Given the number of people proposed to be accommodated at the site, pedestrian safety and access should be fully demonstrated, not left uncertain.

More broadly, the application does not appear to provide confirmed permanent solutions for essential infrastructure, including **electricity and wastewater**. It is difficult to see how permission for accommodation on this scale can reasonably be granted while fundamental infrastructure requirements remain unresolved.

The **location and scale of the proposal** compound these concerns. Accommodating up to 1,256 people represents a substantial development in an isolated rural location with limited surrounding infrastructure, limited public transport and few everyday services within walking distance. The suitability of the location therefore requires particularly robust evidence.

I am also concerned about the **very short period allowed for representations**. The application comprises well over 1,000 pages of material spanning numerous technical disciplines. Residents, local councils and relevant specialists need a reasonable opportunity to examine that evidence and respond properly.

Ordinary planning applications provide a minimum 21-day consultation period, while the standard Crown Development process also provides for 21 days at each stage. I therefore ask that the representation period be extended to provide at least 21 days from 7 September 2026, running until **Monday 28 September 2026**, given that the 21st day falls on a Sunday.

It is also relevant that this site has previously been considered for asylum accommodation. A smaller proposal was refused by an independent Planning Inspector before subsequently being cancelled. While the present application must be considered on its own merits, that history reinforces the importance of fully resolving questions about the site's suitability before permission is granted for a substantially larger scheme.

Taken together, the outstanding issues concerning contamination, flooding, drainage, highways, pedestrian safety, infrastructure and the site's isolated location mean that I do not believe the applicant has demonstrated that Site A is suitable for accommodation on this scale.

I therefore respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

If the Secretary of State is nevertheless minded to approve the application, I ask that no decision is taken until all outstanding work relating to **drainage, flooding, wastewater, contamination, ecology, highways, pedestrian safety, power supply, lighting, noise, fire safety and decommissioning** has been completed, published and subject to proper scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,

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