From: [redacted]
To: Crown Casework
Subject: Formal objection to planning application Ref. PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843 for proposed asylum centre at MoD Site A, Piddington, Bicester, Oxon.
Date: 16 September 2026 16:03:38

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Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to formally object to the proposal to use the MOD site at Piddington to accommodate approximately 1225 migrants.

Our objection is not based on the nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status of the individuals who may be accommodated at the site. Rather, it concerns the exceptional scale of the proposed accommodation in relation to the existing size, infrastructure, facilities and capacity of Piddington and the surrounding local communities.

1. Disproportionate scale

Piddington is a small community of approx. 330 residents, an additional 1250 people would be an increase of almost four times the existing population.

2. Lack of local facilities

Piddington does not have any facilities, there is no village shop, public house or any facilities that provide everyday basic goods and services. Proposed residents would have to travel to other villages and towns for healthcare, recreation and other services.

The proposal should not be based on the site itself. Its impact on neighbouring towns and villages should be properly assessed.

3. Absence of pavements, pedestrian infrastructure and inadequate street lighting

There is a fast, busy road outside the site entrance with very few pavements and inadequate street lighting. Large numbers of migrants walking about not familiar with British roads and traffic speeds will ultimately lead to accidents.

4. Healthcare, public and emergency services

An additional 1250 will increase demand on GP surgeries, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and emergency services. These services are already unable to cope with the rapid expansion of local towns and villages.

5. Impact on neighbouring communities

Piddington has no local facilities; migrants will have to travel to use facilities in in neighbouring communities. It is important that the assessment considers the impact of the additional pressure across the wider area and not restrict consideration to the physical boundary of the MOD site.

6. Community cohesion.

The introduction of a large population unfamiliar with the English way of life cannot be regarded as having no effect upon the character and functioning of the village. A clear plan on how this will be supported needs to be made available for public consultation.

7. Suitability of the site

MOD Site A is a WW2 storage depot consisting of large sheds that were originally used for the storage of low value military hardware, many of the buildings are now in a poor state of repair. They are cold, draughty, the roofs leak and the walls contain asbestos. They are certainty not suitable for migrants to move into,

Contrary to popular belief, there is NO disused Army barracks on the site.

The utility services to the site have not been updated since they were installed in the 1940s. The outside storage areas may be contaminated and unexploded ordnance may also be present.

Before any decision is made, we request that the relevant authorities make available the evidence and assessments supporting the decision identifying Site A Piddington as a suitable location.

We believe there are serious grounds to conclude that the proposed site is unsuitable for accommodation on the scale proposed.

We request that the proposal is reconsidered and refused.

Yours Faithfully

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