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Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing as a family living close to Site A, to object to planning application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843, the proposed 1,256-person asylum accommodation centre at Site A, MOD Bicester, Bicester Garrison, Launton Road, Oxfordshire, OX25 1AE.

We respectfully ask that planning permission be refused.

We have serious concerns about the suitability and safety of this site.

The site has been used for storage for many years, contains asbestos and is already known to have contaminated ground. We are concerned that insufficient investigation has been undertaken to fully understand and address these risks, including the presence of rare species in the area.

The site was also not designed for residential occupation and there are significant questions regarding the adequacy of water, electricity, sewerage and other essential infrastructure.

Parts of the site are at high risk of surface-water flooding, while aspects of the proposed drainage strategy remain unresolved.

The site is also isolated, with very limited public transport and no suitable footpaths. Access involves busy, fast roads, creating significant risks for pedestrians and drivers. The area also has a recorded history of serious collisions.

We also have concerns about whether the proposed arrangements adequately address fire safety.

We are particularly concerned by the extremely short representation period for an application of this scale and complexity. The application documents run to well over 1,000 pages and cover numerous technical disciplines. It is not reasonable to expect residents, councils and technical specialists to properly review and respond to such extensive material within such a limited timeframe.

Ordinary planning applications provide a minimum 21-day representation period, and the standard Crown Development process provides 21 days at each stage. We therefore respectfully request that the representation period be extended to at least 21 days from 7 September 2026, until Monday 28 September 2026, as the 21st day falls on a Sunday.

We also note that this site has previously been considered for asylum accommodation. A smaller proposal was refused by an independent Planning Inspector before subsequently being cancelled.

Given the significant environmental, infrastructure, flooding, transport and safety concerns, we do not believe Site A is suitable for the proposed use.

We respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

Yours sincerely,

