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To: Crown Casework
Subject: Objection to the proposed use of the MOD site at Piddington for migrant accommodation PUP/RARE/C3105/3378843
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12th of September 2026

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposal to use the MOD site at Piddington to accommodate approximately 1,250 asylum seekers.

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Our objection is not directed at the prospective occupants of the site, who have no choice in the matter. Rather, our objection concerns the disproportionate scale of the proposal and the inadequacy of local infrastructure to support such a significant change.

1. The proposal is disproportionate

Piddington is a very small rural community of approximately 300 residents. Adding 1,250 additional people would more than quadruple the local population overnight. Based on the figures available to us, the proposed cohort includes approximately 120 women and 46 children, implying a resulting women-to-men ratio in the area of roughly 1:10 among the incoming population. This represents a substantial and, in our view, unacceptable change to the demographic balance and character of the village and surrounding area.

Proportionality should be a primary consideration in any such decision. The suitability of the site itself is not sufficient; the impact on the existing community, its infrastructure, and its capacity to absorb change of this scale must also be properly weighed.

2. Lack of local facilities and infrastructure

Piddington has no shop, no GP surgery, no public house, no meaningful bus service, and no facilities for entertainment or recreation. It is unclear how a village with this level of provision could meet the needs of an additional 1,250 people.

Any proposal of this nature should properly address: the availability and capacity of public transport; traffic and highway implications; pedestrian and road safety (including at night, given limited street lighting); access to shops and health facilities; and the impact on neighboring communities and the wider local area.

A site that is capable of accommodating people is not necessarily one that is socially, environmentally, or infrastructurally suitable for accommodating them at this scale.

3. Request of evidence

Before any decision is made, I request that the relevant authorities publish or otherwise make available the evidence and assessments underpinning the identification of Piddington as a suitable location, specifically addressing:

1. Highway and traffic impact;
2. Pedestrian and road safety;
3. Night-time pedestrian safety;
4. Public transport capacity;
5. Healthcare capacity;
6. Police and emergency service capacity;
7. Fire safety and emergency evacuation;
8. Safeguarding;
9. Waste and refuse management;
10. Water, sewage and other utilities;
11. Environmental impact;
12. Community cohesion;
13. Impact on neighboring settlements;
14. The cumulative impact of the proposed population increase; and
15. The basis on which accommodating approximately 1,250 people has been assessed as proportionate and appropriate for a community of approximately 300 existing residents.

I would further request that the operations manual for the site be shared, setting

out how the needs of occupants will be met, including: mental health support, healthcare provision, utilities, catering, waste management and recycling, asbestos management, legionella management, and fire management.

I respectfully request that the proposal be reconsidered and refused, or that an alternative and more proportionate location be identified.

The issue is not about asylum seekers. The issue is whether it is reasonable or sustainable to place approximately 1,250 additional people in a small rural community of some 300 residents. A change of this magnitude requires substantially more than suitable buildings.

In the absence of compelling evidence that these matters have been properly assessed and adequately addressed, I believe there are serious grounds to conclude that the proposed site is unsuitable for accommodation on the scale proposed.

I therefore ask that this objection be formally recorded and fully considered before any decision is made.

Yours faithfully.

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