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Subject: Planning Reference: PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to the proposed development at MOD Bicester Site A

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development at MOD Bicester Site A dated today, Saturday 12th September 2026.

[redacted] Because of this, this proposal is not something that will simply have an impact on the wider area — [redacted]

I have looked at the plans and listened to the information that has been provided, and I keep coming back to one simple question:

How on earth is this going to work here?

The proposal is for accommodation for up to 1,256 people, along with all the roads, buildings, services, vehicles, utilities and other infrastructure that come with a development of this size.

Our village is a rural village with very limited infrastructure, and I am genuinely uneasy about whether the impact of putting something of this scale here has been properly considered.

Water

One of my biggest concerns is water.

Our village is currently experiencing water restrictions, so I find it very difficult to understand how a development for up to 1,256 people is going to be supplied with enough water without putting additional pressure on the existing system.

The applicant's own utilities assessment refers to limited capacity within the existing

water network.

I have also seen no evidence that Thames Water has confirmed in writing that the existing water supply and network can accommodate the additional demand created by a development of this scale.

I would therefore like to know whether the water supply has actually been confirmed as being capable of supporting up to 1,256 additional residents, rather than simply assuming that sufficient capacity will be available.

It is particularly troubling to me that the existing village is already experiencing restrictions, yet we are being asked to accept a development that could bring more than a thousand additional people into the area. I believe written confirmation from Thames Water should be provided before this application is allowed to proceed.

Electricity and diesel generators

I also have serious reservations about the electricity arrangements.

Our village has experienced power cuts in the past, particularly during the winter. Although things have improved recently, power cuts have been a regular problem here.

The applicant's own information states that the existing electricity capacity has not yet been verified and that the proposed development could have an electrical demand of around 2.16 MVA.

It also identifies the need for temporary and/or permanent generators.

This is particularly alarming to me because I live immediately behind the site.

I am especially uneasy about the possibility of diesel generators operating close to my home, potentially day and night.

I am concerned about the noise, fumes and air pollution they could produce, as well as the effect of having this kind of industrial equipment operating so close to people's homes.

I would like a clear explanation of:

- how many generators will be needed;
- where they will be located;
- whether they will be diesel generators;

- whether they will be the main power supply or backup;
- how often they could operate;
- whether they could operate throughout the night;
- how noisy they will be; and
- exactly what emissions they will produce.

I am particularly troubled that the air-quality information provided does not appear to properly address the emissions from generators, despite the utilities information identifying generators as part of the proposed electricity solution.

I don't think residents living immediately next to the site should be expected to simply accept the noise and fumes from generators without this being properly assessed.

The Fast Track Urgent Crown Development procedure

I am also uneasy about the fact that this application is being dealt with under the **Fast Track Urgent Crown Development procedure**.

I understand that the development is being treated as urgent, but I do not believe that urgency should mean that important questions about the site's infrastructure are left unresolved.

The applicant's own information identifies uncertainty around the existing electricity capacity and water capacity, while the development would accommodate up to 1,256 people and require substantial supporting infrastructure.

These are not minor details. They are fundamental questions about whether this site is actually suitable and capable of supporting a development of this scale.

I am particularly troubled that the fast-track nature of the process gives residents very little time to properly understand the proposals and raise concerns about infrastructure that could have a direct and long-term effect on our homes and village.

I would ask that the use of an urgent Crown development procedure does not result in these outstanding infrastructure issues being overlooked or dealt with later. They should be properly assessed and demonstrated to be workable before the development is allowed to proceed.

The overall impact on our village

This is probably my biggest concern of all.

It is not one particular issue that makes me object.

It is **everything together**.

We have had problems with power cuts.

We have water restrictions.

And now we are being asked to accommodate a development for up to 1,256 people, together with all the infrastructure needed to support them.

I genuinely struggle to understand how this can work without having a very significant impact on the existing village and the people who already live here.

I am not saying that these problems cannot ever be solved. What I am saying is that I do not believe it has been properly demonstrated that they have been solved.

For someone who lives directly behind the site, that is extremely unsettling.

My request

I respectfully ask that this application is refused unless the applicant can properly demonstrate that the issues surrounding:

- water supply, including written confirmation from Thames Water that the network can accommodate the additional demand;
- electricity capacity;
- diesel generators and their emissions and noise; and
- the overall cumulative impact on the existing village

can all be satisfactorily addressed.

I would also ask that the fact that some of these problems already exist in our village is taken into account when considering the application.

I am not objecting simply because I do not like the proposal. [redacted]

I hope that the decision-makers will listen to the residents who actually live here and understand the limitations of the existing infrastructure.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this objection and keep me informed of any significant updates, consultation outcomes, further information submitted by the applicant, and the next steps and progress of this planning application.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Yours faithfully,

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