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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a member of the public who lives 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.

I ask that planning permission be refused.

There is an absence of any evidence submitted with the application that important ecological and technical work has been addressed at all and significant questions remain around fire safety, ground conditions and the suitability of the site.

Ground contamination has not been fully investigated. Previous land-quality work identified potential contamination issues, yet no borehole investigation has been carried out to resolve those risks.

There are also significant flooding and drainage concerns. Parts of the site are at high risk of surface-water flooding and a comprehensive drainage strategy has not been addressed.

The transport evidence also raises serious questions. The Transport Assessment repeatedly refers to the wrong road, while the B4011 serving the site has limited pedestrian infrastructure and a recorded history of serious collisions. There is no safe way to leave the site on foot.

The application has not demonstrated a confirmed permanent solution for essential infrastructure such as electricity and wastewater. Costly temporary solutions are all that has been offered and to put in place anything more permanent would be even more costly and lengthy.
I do not believe a development accommodating up to 1,256 people should be approved while such fundamental matters remain unresolved.

This proposal is exceptionally large. The site is in an isolated rural location with little surrounding infrastructure, very limited public transport and few services within walking distance. What facilities are in the local area would not be safe to access on foot.
The proximity of the site to Bullingdon Prison where there is a significant problem with drones and drugs could create a situation where recruites to this activity are readily on hand.

I am concerned that the extremely short representation period does not provide sufficient time for residents, councils and technical specialists to properly examine such a substantial and complicated application. The application documents run to well over 1,000 pages across multiple technical disciplines, and it is not reasonable to expect them to be read and properly considered in so short a time. Ordinary planning applications carry a minimum 21 day period, and the standard Crown Development route prescribes 21 days at every stage, so I ask that the representation period be extended to at least 21 days from 7 September 2026, to Monday 28 September 2026, since the 21st day falls on a Sunday.

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

Taken together, these issues mean I do not believe the applicant has demonstrated that Site A is a suitable location for a development of 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 made until outstanding work concerning drainage, flooding, wastewater, contamination, ecology, highways, pedestrian safety, power supply, lighting, noise, fire safety and decommissioning has been completed and made available for proper scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,

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