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Subject: Objection to planning application PCU/RARE/C3105/3378843, Site A, MOD Bicester
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing, as a concerned local resident, regarding 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.

This is an extremely complex application, running to a great many pages across numerous technical disciplines, and with a consequently unreasonable period of time for a thorough review by experts. However, as responses are required to be submitted by 17th Sept 2026, I am asking that planning permission be refused, on the grounds stated below :-

- The proposal is exceptionally large for such an isolated rural location with little surrounding infrastructure, limited public transport and few services within walking distance. The site adjoins a busy road, which has no/limited pedestrian footpaths.

- I am aware that this site has also previously been considered for asylum accommodation and the proposal, which was smaller than this one, was refused by an independent Planning Inspector, before subsequently being cancelled.

- I also have concerns about the completeness of the evidence submitted with the application. Important ecological and technical work remains outstanding, and significant questions remain around fire safety, ground conditions and the suitability of the site.

- I am particularly concerned that 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. I believe that parts of the site are at high risk of surface-water flooding and aspects of the drainage strategy remain unresolved.

- The application has not demonstrated a sustainable solution for essential infrastructure such as electricity, water and effluent. I do not believe a development accommodating up to 1,256 people should be approved based on short term solutions such as the use of generators, and vehicle deliveries for fresh water and disposal of waste water.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Noel Hetherington
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