From: Sarah Douglass
To: Crown Casework
Subject: MOD Site A - Asylum Use - Objection by Resident
Date: 11 September 2026 19:55:18

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed use of the MOD site at Piddington for large-scale migrant accommodation.

I have only recently bought my home here, as a 35-year-old woman buying alone, and I can say very sincerely that I would not have chosen to purchase here had I known that a development of this scale was being considered.

I have worked incredibly hard to be able to buy and invest in my own home, and I am extremely concerned about the effect such a significant and sudden change to a very small rural community could have on the area, including its character, local infrastructure, community safety and ultimately property values. For many residents, our homes represent years of work and our largest financial investment.

One of the main reasons I chose to live here was the rural environment and the feeling of safety that comes with it. I regularly run alone very early in the morning or late at night and currently feel comfortable doing so. The prospect of approximately 1,250 additional people being accommodated in such a small rural area, without adequate pavements, lighting and local infrastructure, would fundamentally change how comfortable I feel doing that.

As a woman living alone, I would particularly like to know what specific safeguarding and women's-safety assessments have been undertaken. Simply hoping that a development of this scale will not create additional safeguarding or safety issues is not sufficient. Residents deserve to see proper evidence-based assessments, appropriate policing and security provision, and a clear plan for how risks will be managed.

My objection is not to people being provided with appropriate accommodation. It is to the scale and suitability of this particular location. Piddington is a tiny rural community and does not have the infrastructure, services or facilities I would expect to support such an enormous increase in population.

I would therefore like to know what consideration has been given to the impact on existing residents, particularly regarding:

- women's safety and safeguarding
- policing and emergency-service capacity
- night-time safety and street lighting
- pedestrian safety and the lack of pavements
- pressure on healthcare and local services
- the character and rural nature of the community
- the effect of such a substantial development on existing homeowners and the local property market

I appreciate that difficult accommodation decisions have to be made, but those decisions should not disregard the legitimate interests, safety and financial investment of the people who already live in the affected community.

I strongly urge you to reconsider Piddington as a location for accommodation on this scale and to identify a more appropriate location with the infrastructure and services necessary to support it safely.

Please formally record my objection as part of the consultation process.

Kind regards,

Sarah Douglass
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