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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 member of the public 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. I 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. Parts of the site should be approved while such fundamental matters remain unresolved. The proposal is also exceptionally large for an isolated rural location with little surrounding infrastructure, limited public transport and few services within walking distance. 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.
In addition to the above I have grave concerns for the safety of women, children and the vulnerable in the area. With the high number of single men arriving from unknown or conflicted backgrounds being proposed to have free access to our towns and villages it is just a matter of time before a serious sexual assault, act of violence or other criminal occurrence occurs. The proposal of 1250 men being placed in any community is ludicrous and dangerous. There is also the potential for conflict between local residents and asylum seekers as their cultural difference are thrown together without planning and education to help both parties understand the culture/s of others. 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.

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