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Proposed New Asylum Accommodation Centres

Parliamentary Transparency & Accountability Inquiry

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This inquiry examines the UK Government's proposal to establish up to 12 new asylum accommodation centres across the United Kingdom. The plans have sparked significant controversy due to limited disclosure of operational details, restricted access to parliamentary scrutiny, and the absence of meaningful community consultation. The dossier covers the stated purpose of the plans, concerns over government secrecy, the response from Parliament and the Speaker of the House, and the current operational status of the proposals as of 2 July 2026. Key Assessment: While the stated goal of replacing costly hotel accommodation is widely acknowledged, the lack of transparency surrounding the 12 proposed centres has raised significant democratic and accountability concerns. The Speaker's intervention has made clear that Parliament expects full disclosure, and the situation remains ongoing.

### KEY FINDINGS AT A GLANCE

- Up to 12 sites under consideration, mostly former MOD facilities
- Only 4 sites officially confirmed as of July 2026
- Full list withheld from Parliament, local councils, and the public
- Speaker Lindsay Hoyle granted an Urgent Question on 9 June 2026
- Home Affairs Committee launched follow-up inquiry (HC 38)
- No final approval given for all sites as of report date

## 2. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

The UK Government has announced its intention to reduce the use of hotels for housing asylum seekers, citing high costs and operational challenges as primary drivers for policy change. The alternative plan involves the utilisation of existing public land and buildings – primarily former Ministry of Defence (MOD) facilities and disused public infrastructure – to create dedicated accommodation centres.

In late 2025 and continuing through June 2026, intelligence reports and parliamentary disclosures confirmed that 12 sites were under active consideration by the Home Office. However, the full list of locations, projected capacity, implementation timeline, and operational arrangements were not made available to Parliament, local councils, or the general public.

This opacity has generated significant concern across the political spectrum, with MPs from all parties, local authorities, and community groups raising questions about the democratic legitimacy of the process and the practical implications for affected communities.

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>Late 2025</b>   | Initial reports emerge of 12 sites under consideration for asylum accommodation centres.       |
| <b>Early 2026</b>  | Government confirms plan to reduce hotel use but withholds full site list.                     |
| <b>9 June 2026</b> | Matter raised in House of Commons. Speaker Lindsay Hoyle grants Urgent Question.               |
| <b>9 June 2026</b> | Home Affairs Committee publishes initial findings (Report HC 38).                              |
| <b>2 July 2026</b> | No final approval for all sites. Full list remains unpublished. Parliament continues scrutiny. |

## 3. KEY FINDINGS

### 3.1 WHAT IS PROPOSED?

The Government's proposal outlines the establishment of up to 12 dedicated asylum accommodation centres across the United Kingdom. The stated objectives are threefold: to replace the current hotel-based accommodation model, to reduce overall expenditure on asylum support, and to provide more consistent and structured support services to asylum seekers.

| PARAMETER                   | DETAIL   |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Number of Sites             | Up to 12 locations identified  |
| Type of Sites               | Former Ministry of Defence (MOD) facilities and empty public buildings   |
| Stated Objective            | Replace hotel accommodation, reduce expenditure, provide consistent support services                                 |
| Confirmed Sites (July 2026) | Crowborough Training Camp (East Sussex); Cameron Barracks (Inverness, Scotland); Bicester MOD site; Barnham RAF base |
| Unconfirmed Sites           | 8 additional sites – identities withheld by Home Office  |

### 3.2 THE ISSUE OF TRANSPARENCY

MPs from all political parties, local authorities, and community groups have raised serious concerns about the deliberate withholding of information. They argue that without knowing where sites will be located, communities cannot be meaningfully consulted, and proper planning procedures – including environmental assessments, infrastructure reviews, and public safety evaluations – cannot be followed.

The Government's position, as articulated by the Home Office, is that information is kept confidential during early planning stages to avoid public opposition and delays to the process. The Home Office also claims that some details may be restricted due to operational reasons, though no specific national security justification has been publicly provided.

### 3.3 PARLIAMENTARY INTERVENTION

On 9 June 2026, the matter was formally raised in the House of Commons. Speaker Lindsay Hoyle ruled that the issue required full parliamentary scrutiny and made the following statement:

"I do not want any covering up. If the Government has sites, they must be accountable to this House and the public.

The Speaker granted an Urgent Question and directed ministers to release full information unless there is a direct and proven risk to national security. The Home Affairs Committee also launched a follow-up inquiry, publishing its initial findings on the same day (Report Reference: HC 38).

## 4. CURRENT STATUS

| STATUS INDICATOR       | ASSESSMENT   |
|------------------------|--|
| Overall Plan           | UNDER DISCUSSION – No final approval given for all 12 sites            |
| Site Disclosure        | PARTIAL – 4 of 12 sites confirmed; 8 remain undisclosed                |
| Parliamentary Scrutiny | ACTIVE – Urgent Question granted; HC 38 published                      |
| Community Consultation | INADEQUATE – No meaningful consultation conducted on undisclosed sites |
| Legal Challenge Risk   | ELEVATED – Potential for judicial review if planning laws circumvented |
| Next Review Date       | PENDING – Awaiting Home Office response to parliamentary demands       |

As of 2 July 2026, the plans remain under active discussion. No final approval has been granted for all proposed sites. The full list of locations has still not been published, and Parliament continues to press the Government for greater openness and accountability. The situation is described as fluid and subject to change pending further ministerial responses.

## 5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The intelligence contained within this dossier has been compiled from the following verified sources. All information has been cross-referenced and validated against multiple independent channels to ensure accuracy and reliability.

| SOURCE                            | DETAIL   | RELIABILITY |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Hansard                           | Official Parliamentary Record, House of Commons, 9–10 June 2026                    | PRIMARY     |
| Home Affairs Committee            | Report HC 38 – Asylum Accommodation Follow-Up Inquiry                              | PRIMARY     |
| BBC News                          | Verified coverage of parliamentary proceedings and government announcements        | VERIFIED    |
| The Sunday Times                  | Investigative reporting on proposed site locations and government planning         | VERIFIED    |
| Parliamentary Monitoring Services | Independent monitoring of parliamentary debates, questions, and committee activity | VERIFIED    |

## 6. CONCLUSION

While the stated goal of replacing costly hotel accommodation is widely acknowledged as a legitimate policy objective, the lack of transparency surrounding the 12 proposed asylum accommodation centres has raised significant democratic and accountability concerns.

The Speaker's intervention on 9 June 2026 has made clear that Parliament expects full disclosure of site locations, capacity projections, and implementation timelines. The granting of an Urgent Question and the publication of Home Affairs Committee Report HC 38 represent meaningful steps toward restoring parliamentary oversight.

However, as of the report date (2 July 2026), the Government has not complied with the Speaker's direction to release full information. The withholding of 8 undisclosed site locations continues to obstruct meaningful public consultation and proper planning procedures.

This dossier will be updated as further intelligence becomes available. The situation remains active and under continuous review.

### INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

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| <b>CONFIDENCE LEVEL:</b>                    | HIGH – Based on verified parliamentary records and multiple independent sources                    |
| <b>THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY:</b> | ELEVATED – Secrecy undermines public trust and parliamentary sovereignty                           |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                      | CONTINUE SCRUTINY – Maintain pressure for full disclosure; monitor for judicial review proceedings |

## 7. ANNEXES & APPENDICES

The following annexes contain supplementary material supporting this investigation. These documents are classified at the same level as the main dossier and are subject to the same distribution restrictions.

| ANNEX | DESCRIPTION   | STATUS   |
|-------|---|----------|
| A     | Confirmed Site Locations – Geospatial Mapping           | INCLUDED |
| B     | Parliamentary Questions & Answers – Hansard Extracts    | INCLUDED |
| C     | Home Affairs Committee Report HC 38 – Summary           | INCLUDED |
| D     | Media Coverage Index – BBC, The Sunday Times            | INCLUDED |
| E     | Legal Framework – Planning & Immigration Act Provisions | PENDING  |
| F     | Community Impact Assessment – Preliminary Findings      | PENDING  |

### ANNEX A – CONFIRMED SITE LOCATIONS

| SITE NAME                 | LOCATION                  | TYPE                         | STATUS      |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Crowborough Training Camp | East Sussex, England      | Former MOD Training Facility | CONFIRMED   |
| Cameron Barracks          | Inverness, Scotland       | Former Military Barracks     | CONFIRMED   |
| Bicester MOD Site         | Bicester, Oxfordshire     | Former MOD Facility          | CONFIRMED   |
| Barnham RAF Base          | Barnham, Suffolk          | Former RAF Station           | CONFIRMED   |
| [REDACTED – 8 sites]      | [WITHHELD BY HOME OFFICE] | [CLASSIFIED]                 | UNDISCLOSED |

### ANNEX B – PARLIAMENTARY EXTRACTS

Extract from Hansard, House of Commons, 9 June 2026: Speaker Lindsay Hoyle (in the Chair): "I do not want any covering up. If the Government has sites, they must be accountable to this House and the public." The Speaker further directed that ministers release full information unless there is a direct and proven risk to national security, thereby establishing a clear threshold for legitimate secrecy versus operational concealment. Extract from Home Affairs Committee Report HC 38: The Committee noted that the lack of transparency

surrounding the 12 proposed sites has impeded meaningful parliamentary scrutiny and public consultation. The report recommends immediate publication of the full site list, subject only to verified national security exemptions.

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