

Tuesday 13th June 2023: For immediate release

Town Council says, “No to Northeye” and votes to oppose Government immigration proposals in Bexhill.

- Motion passed to oppose to the Home Office proposal to house male asylum seekers at the former military training site “Northeye” in Bexhill.
- The Home Office acknowledges the Town Council’s list of residents’ questions, and a public meeting has been suggested.

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council has voted in favour of opposing the Government plans to house asylum seekers in Bexhill.

After holding a public meeting at Bexhill College, which over 300 people attended, the Council has been collating residents’ responses to the proposals and is demanding answers from the Home Office.

The Home Office has acknowledged the dossier of questions and feedback provided by the Town Council, and a full response is expected to address residents’ concerns.

“Our main aim is to listen to our residents, and overwhelmingly the town is extremely worried about the former military site being used to house asylum seekers. The location and facilities are just not suitable.” explained Town Mayor, Cllr Lynn Brailsford.

Cllr Brailsford said, “we are waiting for a response from the Home Office and a meeting with our local MP to discuss residents’ views.”

Whilst the final decision on the use of the site is yet to be taken, the Town Council is keen to represent the views of its residents publicly and work positively with statutory authorities involved in the proposal.