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Dear Mr Clewer,

With the biggest humanitarian and refugee crisis in Europe since WWII, the Government must surely expand its currently very limited response regarding the proposed intake of refugees.

If and when this expansion takes place, I believe that 'we' (Wiltshire) should take a lead by encouraging families to take in refugees **and** by opening up public buildings to act as short-term (at least) refugee centres.

This is particularly relevant where we have unused local buildings as we do here at Rudloe. The closed Rudloe Community Centre which was built at the turn of the century at a cost of £3/4 million and which has recently been inspected by local councillors and found to be in good condition, could be used to perform such a role. (There are other local, unused modern buildings that could also be used such as the family medical centre at the junction of Pickwick Road and Beechfield Road in Corsham).

Such a plan would of course need resources - management, service-providers, supplies, logistics and an army of local volunteers but what could be more appropriate and purposeful at the present time?

We should not sit back and wait for something to happen (or be instructed to do something) - as I indicate above, I believe we should be pro-active in establishing such facilities.

Sincerely

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