

Comment for planning application 21/02339/REM

Application Number	21/02339/REM
Location	Proposed Himley Village North West Bicester Middleton Stoney Road Bicester
Proposal	Reserved Matters application for 14/02121/OUT, Phase 1 Development of 500 dwellings, landscaping, new vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access routes and other operations
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Type of Comment	Comment
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>At present there is a significant omission from the proposals for biodiversity enhancement. 500 residential homes are planned as well as other buildings. Almost all of these offer potential as homes for hole-nesting birds, many of which (like House Sparrows, Starlings and Swifts) are Birds of Conservation Concern, and for bats too. In this regard the provisions of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be relevant. Included in the NPPF is the statement "Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by: minimising impacts on and providing net gains in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures". When considering exactly what provision should be made, I would suggest that the Council's own Good Practice Guide 'Biodiversity in the Built Environment' of September 2019 would be a good starting point. In addition I would urge that the paper written by Dick Newell, and which is now on the CIEEM website Swift Bricks: The 'Universal' Nest Brick - by Dick Newell CIEEM, be given serious consideration. Both these documents provide information not only about types of nesting brick but also importantly about the number of installations there should be in relation to the number of buildings. I will be looking at the detailed proposals with interest. Chris Mason Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project</p>
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