Comment for planning application 20/02083/OUT

Application Number	20/02083/OUT	
Location	Land north of Hempton Road and west of Wimborn Close Deddington	
Proposal	Outline - Erection of 14 two-storey dwellings	
Case Officer	Bob Neville	
Organisation Name		
	Chris Mason	
Address	21 Hatch Way, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3JS	
Type of Comment	Comment	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I would like to comment on the above planning application and request that the Council stipulates that Swift nest bricks be incorporated into the development as a biodiversity enhancement, and that this be made a condition of any approval given. This would accord with the Council's responsibility under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, to 'have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity", and with the provisions of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which state that "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". It would also be in line with the Council's own Guidance Document on 'Biodiversity in the Built environment'. Swifts now depend entirely on man-made structures for nesting. They still nest in good numbers in Deddington but as elsewhere their numbers in the village have declined. Partly this is because the nest sites to which the birds return year after year are being lost when buildings are repaired, altered or demolished. Nationally the decline has been so great (around 50% in the last 25 years) that they are now amber-listed as birds of Conservation Concern. Incorporating new nest places could help ensure that Swifts can continue to find nest places in Deddington. There are many designs of Swift brick now available. They are easy to install, inexpensive and will last the life-time of the building. If requested I can be available to advise about designs and/or locations of boxes. I very much hope that a condition such as I am proposing can be part of any planning approval. Regards Chris Mason Cherwell Swifts	
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Attachments		