Comment for planning application 20/03660/REM

Application Number	20/03660/REM
Location	Stone Pits Hempton Road Deddington OX15 0QH
Proposal	Reserved matters application to 18/02147/OUT - Erection of 21 dwellings (consideration of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale)
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Type of Comment	Comment
Type	neighbour
Comments	I would like to comment on the very limited proposals for bird box installations here. 1. I would propose that given the number of dwellings planned, there should be at least 20 Swift bricks included. This would be in line with the Cherwell Council's Guidance document 'Biodiversity in the Built Environment'. It would also help fulfil the requirement of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that developments should provide net gains for biodiversity. 2. The nest bricks should be integrated into the structure of the buildings. These are much to be preferred to boxes attached to the exterior of buildings because - - they are more pleasing aesthetically - they do not require maintenance - they can last as long as the building - they are less prone to predation - there is evidence that they are more likely to be used by Swifts than external boxes There are many Swift brick designs on the market. They have the additional benefit that they are regularly used by other species like House Sparrows, Blue Tits and Great Tits. Overall therefore they have much greater potential for increasing biodiversity than external boxes or boxes in trees. There are several available designs of Swift brick which would be suitable for the buildings proposed.
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