

# Comment for planning application 21/00500/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00500/OUT
<b>Location</b>	Land North Of Railway House Station Road Hook Norton
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of up to 43 new homes, access from Station Road and associated works including attenuation pond
<b>Case Officer</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	Chris Mason
<b>Type of Comment</b>	21 Hatch Way,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3JS
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<b>Comments</b>	neighbour
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<b>Attachments</b>	If permission is granted for this development, Swift bricks integrated into the structure of buildings should be made a condition of the development. These would be of far greater long-term benefit for birds than a few nest boxes on trees. Here are some additional reasons for this suggestion: 1. It would accord with the Council's policies, for instance the Good Practice Guide in Biodiversity in the Built Environment (2019) and its recent Community Nature Plan. 2. It would offer one effective way of enhancing biodiversity. 3. If bricks designed for Swifts are used, they may be occupied by Swifts themselves (and Hook Norton still has a reasonable population of this fast-declining species) but also they are very likely to be used by other hole-nesting birds including House Sparrows (Red-listed Birds of Conservation Concern). 4. Integrated bricks provide a permanent, unobtrusive, maintenance free way of make provision for hole-nesting birds. They are less likely to be predated and less prone to temperature fluctuations than external nest boxes. 5. Having wildlife around where we live is known to be beneficial for our health and well-being. I would request that they should be conditioned at the rate of 1 Swift brick per house for which permission is granted, and that they should be positioned in small clusters, rather than singly. Chris Mason Cherwell Swifts
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