Comment for planning application 22/03385/DISC

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Location

The Beeches Heyford Road Steeple Aston OX25 4SN

Proposal

Discharge of Conditions 5 (specification details), 6 (surface water drainage scheme), 7 (Sustainable Construction Statement), 8 (covered cycle storage), 9 (biodiversity method statement), 10 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) and 12 (water efficiency limit) of 21/02147/OUT

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Comments

The Method Statement and Scheme for enhancing biodiversity refers to nearby Swift records. Many of these come from The Crescent also in Steeple Aston and very close to this site. Swifts have nested in The Crescent for years.

For this reason I would propose that at least 4 Swift nest bricks should be incorporated into the structure of the new building. This would be a better option than putting up nest boxes because:

- Swifts, House Sparrows and Starlings might all use them. All these birds are now Redlisted as Birds of Conservation Concern
- they would provide a permanent nesting option. Nest boxes have a limited lifespan and may be moved
- nest bricks are unobtrusive and inexpensive
- cleaning is not required
- they would offer greater biodiversity enhancement and would be in line with the Council's Guidelines for Biodiversity Enhancement

There are many designs of Swift bricks available. One of them is the Model S brick (see attached)

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Attachments

The following files have been uploaded:

Action for Swifts Leaflet- Model S.pdf