

Comment for planning application 23/01085/F

Application Number	23/01085/F
Location	Bicester Heritage Buckingham Road Bicester
Proposal	RETROSPECTIVE - Change of Use of land to allow for aviation, vehicle exercising and other uses/events
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
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Address	1 Heron Court,Bicester,OX26 6XU
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>We are StarterMotor, a registered charity, set up by and located at Bicester Heritage.</p> <p>We have a mission to provide access to careers for young people, particularly in the old car world. We stage careers days for schools presenting occupational options and transferable skills to hundreds of children each year. The highlight and one of the key engagement activities of these events is providing gentle rides in our classic cars on the track. Something they would most likely never get the chance to do.</p> <p>We also support hundreds of successful applicants throughout their training and apprenticeships. This helps ensure that essential skills are not lost, and that students have the very best chance to succeed in all these fields.</p> <p>Bicester Heritage provides a very important base for StarterMotor where its young 'Ambassador' volunteers are able to demonstrate the opportunities, from hobby to career, to their peers which otherwise would be invisible.</p> <p>Events held at Bicester Heritage generate essential fundraising and donations that helps support our mission. Enabling young people access to the Classic car world, providing a community for like minded young people to belong. Helping to build confidence and positive mental health.</p> <p>Being able to use the track allows us to teach young people to safely drive Classic cars responsibly and respect the cars they love, but would not easily have access to. Ensuring they are safe on the highways and at events.</p> <p>On a final but critical note, the classic car world has been perceived as only a 'playground' for those better off. Though there are people 'of means' involved, this is a misconception. It is a welcoming, inclusive and diverse community. Whether someone owns a million pound car or a humble mini, they are an equal participant. (Actually, the most valued people are those who maintain and repair these special machines and we want the next generation to be a part of that.)</p>
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