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**Sent:** 06 April 2017 10:04
**To:** Lauren Bates; Bernadette Owens
**Subject:** Re: FW: 16/00533/DISC - Land East of Evenlode Crescent and South of Langford Lane, Kidlington

Hi Lauren and Bernadette,

Thanks for your email.  In this case I would not stand in the way of removing the boxes from the plan if this would not be acceptable.

Kind regards,

Louise

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On 5 April 2017 at 17:53, Lauren Bates <Lauren.Bates@hillstreetholdings.com> wrote:

Louise,

Further to my note below. I have received comments from the operations manager at Oxford Airport.

He recommends the removal of the bird boxes in this instance, as he states  “we don’t feel we can accept a deliberate attempt to increase bird numbers in the airports bird hazard management zone/vicinity”

I would be grateful if you could let me have your comments on this.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Lauren Bates
**Sent:** 05 April 2017 17:38
**To:** 'Louise Sherwell'
**Cc:** Bernadette Owens
**Subject:** RE: FW: 16/00533/DISC - Land East of Evenlode Crescent and South of Langford Lane, Kidlington

Louise,

Many thanks for your prompt response on this. I will forward your detailed comments to the operations manager at the airport.

Can I enquire if you are able to concede to any of the request from the airport? Or are you stating that  your expert opinion is that the ecology enhancement and management plan is required to remain as it is currently submitted?

Kind regards,

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**From:** Louise Sherwell [mailto:louisesherwell@warwickshire.gov.uk]
**Sent:** 05 April 2017 14:51
**To:** Bernadette Owens
**Cc:** Lauren Bates
**Subject:** Re: FW: 16/00533/DISC - Land East of Evenlode Crescent and South of Langford Lane, Kidlington

Hi Bernadette and Lauren,

Thanks for your email.   The proposed bird boxes (28mm and 32mm holes) are for small passerine species such as blue tit, coal tit, great tit, house and tree sparrows, and the open fronted boxes are suitable for similar species such as robins, spotted flycatcher, wagtails, black redstart and song thrush. The 10 boxes are expected to provide additional nesting opportunities for a maximum of 10 pairs each year, and occupation of all boxes each year is considered unlikely. Raising a full brood each year is also considered to be unlikely, so these boxes alone are considered not to have any measurable impact on local small bird populations.

Red kites are primarily carrion feeders, however they will hunt live birds, mainly middle-sized bird species such as corvids, pigeons and gulls.  These form only a small part of the red kite's diet and even more so are small, agile species which are likely to use these types of boxes. I've asked the conservation planner at the RSPB Midlands and he has said that although he accepts that red kites are a collision risk, he believes it highly unlikely that the proposals would measurably increase that risk.

Kind regards,

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On 4 April 2017 at 11:41, Bernadette Owens <Bernadette.Owens@cherwell-dc.gov.uk> wrote:

Lauren

Please see attached response from Oxford Airport on the Bird Control Management Plan.

I’m not sure what implications this has for biodiversity enhancements and condition no.16.

I have copied in Louise our Ecology Officer – Louise could you comment further on this?

Bernadette

**From:** Kieran Meikle [mailto:kmeikle@londonoxfordairport.com]
**Sent:** 04 April 2017 11:34
**To:** Bernadette Owens
**Cc:** Mike Sparrow
**Subject:** RE: 16/00533/DISC - Land East of Evenlode Crescent and South of Langford Lane, Kidlington

Hi Bernadette,

Whilst we appreciate the efforts that will go into bird hazard management during and after construction, we are not happy to give way on the bird boxes suggested by the ecologist.

Whilst smaller non flocking species maybe individually irrelevant from a strike risk point of view, the kite population will certainly take advantage of the increase in smaller species

and this is an increase we cannot accept as we currently have issue with this species locally.

If the bird boxes are withdrawn we automatically give our consent to the application.

Regards

Kieran Meikle

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