**From:** Public Access DC Comments
**Sent:** 04 September 2018 18:12
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**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application 18/01253/F

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 6:12 PM on 04 Sep 2018 from Mr chris Mason.

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| **Application Summary** |
| **Address:** | Bicester Heritage Buckingham Road Bicester  |
| **Proposal:** | Erection of hotel and conference facility with associated access, parking, and landscaping  |
| **Case Officer:** | Maria Philpott  |
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| **Customer Details** |
| **Name:** | Mr chris Mason |
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| **Address:** | 21 Hatch Way, Kirtlington, Kidlington OX5 3JS |

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| **Comments Details** |
| **Commenter Type:** | General Public |
| **Stance:** | Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application |
| **Reasons for comment:** |  |
| **Comments:** | I would suggest that this would make a highly suitable site for the inclusion of up to 20 Swift bricks. These are purpose-made bricks, incorporated in the structure of the building which provide ready-made nest places for Swifts. The UK population of Swifts has declined by over 50% in the last 25 years and one of the causes of the decline is that many traditional nest places have been lost as a result of building alterations and repairs. Swift bricks are helping to address this loss of nest sites. The Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project has submitted records to the planning authority of Swifts' nest sites nearby in Caversfield, and these records have been confirmed in 2018. In fact the project has found further sites in the village this year. This makes the inclusion of Swift bricks here more desirable, as they are even more likely to be used. They would also add to the biodiversity value of the site.The bricks are unobtrusive and easy to install and having Swifts in the building would enrich the neighbourhood and increase the attractions of the building to vistors. Swifts do not leave a mess near or below the nest place. The Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project (email address as per this comment) would be pleased to advise on the most suitable type of brick or the best places to locate them. |

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