Re: ref 18/01253/F Bicester Heritage Hotel planning application

Fri 28/09/2018 15:46

55 Montgomery road, caversfield, bicester, OX278FG ,

Many thanks

Kate Hammond

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Sep 2018, at 14:44, Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please could you supply your postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.

Thank you

Regards

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**From:** Kate Hammond
**Sent:** 25 September 2018 15:11
**To:** DC Support
**Subject:** ref 18/01253/F Bicester Heritage Hotel planning application

Dear members of Cherwell District Council, I am writing with reference to:

Ref. 18/01253/F, Bicester Heritage, Buckingham Road, Bicester.

Application to erect a Hotel and conference facility.

I would like to leave my comments for the above proposal, as I am against this planning application for the following reasons:

Firstly, I am extremely worried about road traffic safety as the entrance is planned along the busy and fast Buckingham Road, A4421. Bicester Heritage know this to be a dangerous stretch of road, as during their events they provide road side parking marshals alongside temporary traffic lights. Of course this won't be provided daily when the hotel and conference facility is built. They expect guest to enter from the busy road unaided, but leave by exiting left only, to make a 'u' turn around the round about, and then carry on to Buckingham if that is their direction of travel. I worry that some guests will take a chance and turn right anyway. Of the others, I can only imagine the impact of 300 or so rooms all vacating at similar times, swinging round the roundabout, and putting their foot down to get back home in the Buckingham/Milton Keynes direction. It is difficult enough to pull out onto the fast moving Buckingham Road from Caversfield exits, and a hotel of guests and conference facility will make it harder, and potentially be the cause of more road traffic accidents, when residents are pulling out onto a road with even more cars, doing 50 miles per hour (or more, i'm sure).

On another note, I think that the idea of a hotel is completely out of keeping with a heritage site. Bicester Heritage has done a fantastic job of renovating and restoring buildings in a sympathetic way. So why then build a brand new modern hotel and car park on the site? How can such a building ever blend in with 'The best preserved WW2 bomber station in the country'? It will be completely incongruous.

Also, I notice on the plans that the car park runs along the side of the Buckingham road. I don't think this gives a very good first impression to visitors of Bicester. You'll know when you reach Bicester, because you'll see the big hotel and car park.

It will be an eye sore. It will spoil the beautifully preserved views of the green fields of the former airfield. There is nothing 'Heritage' about this proposed plan. It will ruin a piece of British history forever if it is built on this site.

yours Faithfully

Mrs Kate Hammond

resident of Caversfield, Bicester