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Dear Rebekah Morgan

Planning Application 19/01016/F

I apologise for the late submission of comments on this application but we only very recently became aware of its existence having not received notification. I have taken this issue up with your colleague, Alex Keen, by email.

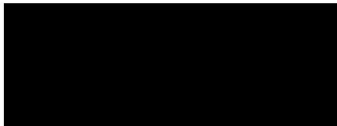
No planning statement has been filed to expand on the outline information available in the planning application. So our comments are based on the expectation that Bicester Heritage will continue to use building 113 for similar purposes to those that have been undertaken since aircraft were moved from building 113 to 137 in 2017. These include

- Classic Car Auctions
- 'Wings & Wheels' Events (Flywheel and Super Scramble)
- Film making
- Product Launches
- Wedding Receptions
- Exhibitions / Shows (eg Build it Live)

As airfield operators we, at Bicester Gliding Centre, have an obligation under the Air Navigation Order to ensure that flying at Bicester Airfield can be undertaken safely. Many of the events listed have involved large numbers of members of the public visiting the airfield and, contrary to the statement in the planning application, large amounts of car parking. We have worked in consultation with Bicester Heritage to ensure some of these events could be undertaken without hazard, on occasion suspending our flying activities to ensure their safety.

Now that the hangar is not being used for aircraft storage, activities like those listed would appear to be an appropriate use of the building and Bicester Gliding Centre would support the application. However, we would request that a condition be attached to any grant of planning application requiring the owner of the building to consult with the Airfield Operator (Bicester Gliding Centre) for each activity or event planned for the building to ensure that appropriate safeguarding is in place to ensure that there is no hazard either to airfield users, or users of building 113.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Reid
Director