

CAVERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Planning application reference: 23/01085/F

Caversfield Parish Council has considered planning application reference 23/01085/F at Bicester Heritage, Buckingham Road, Bicester with the proposal “RETROSPECTIVE - Change of Use of land to allow for aviation, vehicle exercising and other uses/events”.

The Council acknowledges that the application is to regularise what has already been taking place on the site having grown from a small operation in 2013.

The primary concern focuses on the engine noise and tyre squealing emanating from the site which has particularly affected the residents of Caversfield over the years. It was noted that some of the noise figures in the Hydrock report dated back to 2019 which could be considered out of date following the COVID-19 hiatus. The Council would like to see more up-to-date data provided and wider monitoring from locations in the village including Skimmingdish Lane and Thompson Drive.

The Parish Council asks that if the application is minded for approval, a condition should be included to maintain continual monitoring of the site together with regular reports which should be made public. The regular reports should include whether the standards have been met and if not, the reasons and amelioration for improvement. Independent monitoring from the CDC Officers should also be maintained. High decibel levels of engine noise should not be tolerated, and mitigation should be put in place to reduce this.

The Council also asks that no more retrospective applications are made by the applicant.