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Comments: I support the redevelopment of these listed buildings with one proviso. There is a colony of swifts in the area who are or could potentially be using these buildings to nest. Swifts are an endangered species at the moment, so much so that they have been put on the RED LIST. A major reason for their decline is that when buildings are redeveloped access to their nesting sites under the eaves is often denied due to the soffits being sealed. A simple solution to this is to incorporate 'swift bricks' into the new roofs so that they can still gain entry. I have spoken to Arne Swithenbank, planning officer, this morning who agrees that this is an ideal solution which would be fairly simple to carry out. I have started a 'Swifts of Leek' group to help our local swifts with their plight. We have helped the swifts of Haregate, many of whom recently lost their nesting sites when Your Housing put new roofs on their properties sealing the soffits in the process. We installed nest boxes under the eaves to give them an alternative nesting site when they returned from South Africa in May. 'Swift bricks' are a better option though and are easily fitted during renovation work. I should be very grateful if you would incorporate these into your plans. Thanking you. Suzanne Nixon.

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