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I am a supporter of this application, as small airfields are vital to light aviation in the UK.

I have noted some concern over the possible impact on birdlife and wish to assure planners that birds and small aeroplanes coexist very happily, not least because there is minimum agricultural input to small airfields and much of the area is left undisturbed apart from seasonal mowing. As a consequence they provide a wildlife haven for both birds and small mammals.

To illustrate this point you may be interested to know that I landed at Gloucestershire airport, one of the larger General Aviation airfields, just two days ago. As I taxied back to the apron I noted a buzzard sitting on a taxiway sign. It was entirely relaxed as aircraft arrived and departed and I taxied past it at around 10 metres distance and it simply ignored me as I wasn't edible! This scenario is not uncommon and we see buzzards and other birds as well as hares and small mammals on a regular basis.

So as I stated above I can say with confidence that birds and light aircraft can and do co-exist quite happily even on busy airfields like Gloucester, let alone small quiet ones such as South Moor Farm.

Yours

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