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This comment is to **strongly support** the amended wording for the section of the Wandsworth Local Plan referring to Biodiversity, as below. The new focus on integrating swift bricks and boxes in future developments and extensions, plus the proposal to protect existing nests, will potentially have a highly beneficial impact on the populations of London's swifts and other threatened bird species.

Thank you,

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Main Modification ref. MM247 on page 132:

Policy L55 Biodiversity: Amend wording of paragraph 21.31 as follows: ...

*'Proposals should give consideration to the need for species to move between habitats and therefore seek to connect with existing green corridors where it is appropriate to do so. All development, particularly for new and replacement buildings and extensions to buildings, should utilise opportunities to attract new species to a site. **This can include the incorporation of artificial nest boxes and bricks in buildings to provide nesting and roosting opportunities for birds, including species under threat such as swifts, house martins, swallows and house sparrows, and where appropriate, bats. Swift bricks integrated into new buildings are preferred, as these are suitable for multiple bird species. As outlined in the National Planning Practice Guidance, these relatively small features can achieve important benefits for wildlife. Applicants will be expected to provide details of such features as part of planning applications. All these features must also be protected during construction works, and this***

may be secured by a planning condition, as will subsequent maintenance and monitoring.'