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- I am a local resident since 1983 and love the fact that Enfield is on the edge of the countryside but close to the city centre. I am concerned about the decline of urban bird species in the borough such as thrushes, swifts and sparrows and can't see how the Local Plan will help them - can you address nest boxes such as swift bricks in any new developments.
  - The DEFRA biodiversity net gain metric does not take into account the urban species that use buildings, and no value is currently given for providing nesting and roosting spaces nor travelling routes for these species.
  - Please can Enfield add to its Local Plan a requirement for swift bricks, bat boxes and hedgehog highways in new developments.
  - The London Plan 2021 Policy G6 Biodiversity and Access to Nature (page 325) calls for artificial nest sites that are of particular relevance and benefit in an urban context.
  - The NPPG 2019 Natural Environment Paragraph 023 mentions that relatively small features can often achieve important benefits for wildlife, such as incorporating 'swift bricks' and bat boxes in developments and providing safe routes for hedgehogs.
  - integrated measures for wildlife are particularly important for their long lifetime without maintenance being required.
  - Living behind St Anne's School field I am blessed with many birds living in the tall hedge along the alley to the town. Robins hop out onto the pathway, Dunnocks and tits and sparrows are currently plentiful. I feed the birds and attract swift's with a swift box fitted to my house. I encourage hedgehogs by tunnelling under my fence to allow them to enter but they have declined as have blackbirds, starlings, sparrows and swift's.
  - Our wildlife balance is under threat with high rise concrete developments...I disagree with this approach and will write separately on Tall buildings and Enfield Town.

Regards