

Dear Sirs,

I wish to comment on "Biodiversity net gain, rewilding and offsetting".

I am most concerned about the decline of urban bird species in the borough, especially swifts and sparrows and I cannot see how the Local Plan will help these birds. A couple of years ago after my neighbour had two swift boxes installed on the back of her house, I also decided to follow her lead and now I have sparrows nesting in the boxes.

Please request nest boxes such as Swift bricks are installed in these new developments. It is very much easier to install them when the houses and flats are being built than when they have been built. These birds are on the decline because a lot of their normal habitat no longer exists so please take this opportunity to put things right.

Thank you for reading my email.