

Dear Sirs,

- ✚ I would like to point out that the DEFRA biodiversity net gain metric does not take into account the urban species which use buildings, and no value is 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 any 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.

- ✚ My personal involvement here is that 3 years ago I had two swift boxes installed on the back wall of my house. I try and monitor the return of the swifts each year when they return from Africa, via Spain and France.

Thank you for reading my email.

