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· Is an agent representing you No

Page: Local Plan Legal Compliance

· Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant Yes

Page: Local plan Soundness

· Do you consider the Local Plan to be sound No

· Why do you believe the Local Plan is unsound D) It is not consistent with national policy

· Why do you feel that the Local Plan is unsound The reference to "swift nest bricks" in paragraph 5.92 of Policy DM04: Biodiversity Net Gain is welcome but it is not currently sound as not effective nor consistent with national policy because it only relates to "small sites where there is minimal loss of habitat of low ecological value", whereas NPPG 2019 Natural Environment paragraph 023 highlights the value of swift nest bricks to all types of development. Swift bricks are a universal nest brick suitable for all locations and all types of development, which are excluded from the Biodiversity Net Gain methodology, so need their own clear policy for all developments.

· What changes do you consider necessary, in order to make the Local Plan sound Please add to Policy DM04 paragraph 5.92: "Swift bricks are a universal nest brick for small bird species, and should be installed in new developments including extensions in accordance with best-practice guidance such as BS 42021.

· Have you raised this matter(s) at an earlier stage in the preparation of the Local Plan No

· If no, please explain Only just become aware of this wording.

Page: Local plan additional comments

· Please provide any additional comments in support of your representation This comment is on behalf of Bolton & Bury Swifts, a local urban wildlife conservation organisation formed in 2016, advocating for building dependent bird species across the North West.

· Do you wish to participate at the hearing sessions No

· How did you find out about this consultation Email