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Dear Fitzrovia West consultation

We are a wildlife conservation group, originally based in Islington but we now have projects throughout north and central London.

We would like to make comments on the Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Plan 2020 to 2035.

Many thanks,
Islington Swifts Group

Comments:

Section 7 Green & Open Space chapter includes measures for green space and open space but does not refer to the wildlife that can find a home in even city centre locations.

In particular we would like new developments and refurbishments to include nesting boxes for birds and roosting boxes for bats. For birds, the government recommends 'swift bricks' as these provide homes to a range of small birds, including swifts and sparrows.

This could be included in paragraph 7.2, page 33, and paragraph 7.4, page 36 (policy GS2).

This would be in line with national policies and advice as required by the Basic Conditions.

National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) Natural Environment states: "*Relatively small features can often achieve important benefits for wildlife, such as incorporating 'swift bricks' and bat boxes in developments*" (Paragraph 023, revision date 21/07/19).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment>