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Policy:		
Legal Compliant:	Soundness Compliant:	Duty to Cooperate Compliant:
Yes	No	Yes
Paragraph		
In relation to part B. of Policy CEA9, enhancements may include facilitating habitats and routes for wildlife, such as bat and bird boxes, bee and bird bricks and hedgehog highways.		
Compliance Comment		
I support the references in paragraph 312 to swift bricks, but they are not sound, nor effective nor consistent with national policy because they do not include the content of NPPG Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017. This paragraph 017 sets out numbers of swift bricks, swift bricks being a universal nest brick for a range of bird species, and best-practice guidance references. Here is the link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment		
Modification Comment		
To make the policy sound, effective, and consistent with national policy, please add the key text from NPPG Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017. Here is the key text: "New developments should include integrated nest boxes (commonly known as swift bricks) where possible, with the general aim across a development of a minimum of one nest box per unit. Nest boxes can provide important habitat for other species as well as swifts, such as starlings and sparrows. Specific support for the selection and installation of swift bricks can be found in the British Industry Standard BS 42021:2022, and the Future Homes Hub Homes for Nature Guidance, and the RSPB's Guide to Nestboxes." Here is the relevant link for the NPPG, and I have also copied out the full text below for reference: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment Many thanks. Full text from NPPG Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017: How can developments incorporate features which support priority or threatened species? The National Planning Policy Framework expects development proposals to bolster wildlife by incorporating features which support priority or threatened species such as swifts, bats and hedgehogs. The use of swift bricks is particularly important in this context because swifts rely on urban cavities for nesting, and the national loss of suitable nesting sites through		

building renovation has been part of the reason for the species' decline. Developments should include integrated nest boxes (commonly known as swift bricks) where possible, with the general aim across a development of a minimum of one nest box per unit. Nest boxes can provide important habitat for other species as well as swifts, such as starlings and sparrows. Extensive guidance is available on wildlife friendly features, including the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code which illustrate how well-designed places can support rich and varied biodiversity by facilitating habitats and routes for wildlife. More specific support for the selection and installation of swift bricks can be found in the British Industry Standard BS 42021:2022 the Future Homes Hub Homes for Nature Guidance, and the RSPB's Guide to Nestboxes.
Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 8-017-20250609

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To provide further information, if required.
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