



Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2032

Representation Form

Copies of the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available on [Hart District Council's website](#). Paper copies are available at the locations listed on the website.

Comments must be received by 4pm Monday 16 September

You can send your comments by:

- filling in this form and emailing it to: [REDACTED]
- printing this form and posting it to us at:

Planning Policy Team
Hart District Council,
Harlington Way
Fleet,
Hampshire, GU51 4AE

We cannot accept anonymous comments and will publish all comments on our website with your name and organisation (where applicable). If Odiham Parish Council, who prepared the plan, request a copy, we will send a redacted version showing only your name and comments.

We will send the neighbourhood plan examiner a full copy of your comments and details. The examiner will retain the data until we have made the relevant statutory decisions on whether to adopt the plan and the deadline for a Judicial Review has passed, which is six weeks after the decision notice has been published.

For further details on: how your information is used; how we maintain the security of your information; your rights, including how to access information we hold on you; and how to complain if you have concerns about how your personal details are processed, please see [Hart's Privacy Notice](#).

If you would like to be notified of Hart District Council's decision whether to 'make' the Plan (to bring it into legal force), please mark the box below.

Yes, please notify me

If you would like to opt out of this decision at any time, please email



PART A: Details of the individual or organisation making the representation

	Your details	Agents details (if applicable)
Full name	Catharine Gale	
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Organisation (if applicable)	Hampshire Swifts (see https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk)	

PART B: Your representation

To which part of the Neighbourhood Plan does your representation relate?

Whole document? No

Paragraph number: 3.118

Policy reference: 12 (vi)

Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this policy/paragraph?

(Please tick one answer)

Support Support with modifications Oppose Have Comments

Please give details of your reasons for support/objection, or make other comments in the space below, including any specific changes you wish to see to the Plan. Please be as precise as possible and use a new form for comments on different policies/parts of the Plan. Please do not include any personal information in your answer below.

Representation:

The references to "*nest boxes*" is welcome, but the Neighbourhood Plan currently overlooks biodiversity which inhabits buildings, e.g. red-listed endangered bird species such as swifts, house sparrows, and house martins, which are also overlooked by the DEFRA biodiversity net gain metric calculation so do need their own clear policy. This is supported by national planning guidance NPPG Natural Environment 2019 paragraph 023, which in particular mentions the value of swift bricks.

Please add to Policy 12 or its associated guidance:

Swift bricks are a universal nest brick for small bird species, and should be installed in all new-build developments including extensions, in accordance with best-practice guidance such as BS 42021:2022 or CIEEM. Swift bricks are a significantly better option than external boxes due to their long lifetime, no maintenance requirements, improved thermal regulation, and aesthetic integration. Artificial nest cups for house martins may be proposed instead of swift bricks where an ecologist specifically recommends it.

Please also add:

Existing nest sites should also be protected and retained, as these are not given any value by the DEFRA biodiversity net gain metric calculation. Building-dependent species such as swifts return to the same traditional nest sites year after year and find it difficult to locate a new site if they lose their original nest site.

Swifts are an important species in Hampshire with a substantial number of older buildings for nesting and suitable areas for foraging. The RSPB Swift Mapper website (<https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk/>) and the Hampshire Swift survey (<https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/copy-of-hampshire-swift-survey>) demonstrate

that they are recorded nesting throughout the county. Other birds which will inhabit swift bricks are also present, such as house sparrows.

Additional notes:

Other local authorities are bringing through policies which support swift bricks, such as Wiltshire Regulation 19 stage which requires two swift bricks per dwelling (policy 88 on page 246:

[https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/11976/Wiltshire-Local-Plan-Pre-Submission-Draft-2020-2038-Regulation-19/pdf/Wiltshire Local Plan Reg 19 web accessible version.pdf](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/11976/Wiltshire-Local-Plan-Pre-Submission-Draft-2020-2038-Regulation-19/pdf/Wiltshire%20Local%20Plan%20Reg%2019%20web%20accessible%20version.pdf))

I am writing on behalf of Hampshire Swifts (<https://www.hampshireswifts.co.uk/>). I am a trustee of the charity. It was formed in 2016 with the aim of conserving swifts in Hampshire and has over 3000 members/supporters. Our activities include raising awareness of the declining status of this species, identifying and protecting existing nest sites and encouraging the provision of additional nest sites across the county.