



Example HMCUK-IE development letter



“While we accept this development, we ask for measures for house martins & swifts. House martin nest cups are available made from woodcrete & are easy to fit under eaves & require no maintenance.

Integrated swift bricks are preferable to external nest boxes as they have no maintenance requirements & will provide nesting space for a range of endangered small birds such as swifts, starlings & house sparrows as confirmed by CIEEM guidance:

<https://cieem.net/reso.../the-swift-a-bird-you-need-to-help/>

CIEEM recommend one nest brick per dwelling on average. They are easy for the builder to install correctly, as there is not a confusing range of different nest boxes. They are long lasting with good insulation properties, even better than woodcrete.

Nest boxes for specific species such as sparrows & starlings generally have much lower occupancy & are unavailable to other species which is a major disadvantage.

Nest cups & bricks are likely to take over from external nest boxes for new build developments as they are recommended by the new British Standard BS 42021 which is currently under final consultation, the first national standard for nest boxes.

We ask you to implement these measures in line with your duty to adhere to biodiversity net gain commitments at a local & national level.”

Contact us

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Emergency

If you have a house martin emergency please contact us or your local wildlife rescue centre.

