

Design Note – Swift Boxes

The delivery of biodiversity enhancement on development sites is promoted by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. Where opportunities exist it is best practice to provide enhancement features which encourage greater biodiversity within development sites in accordance with the NPPF and Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under the NERC Act.

Swift boxes should be positioned at least 5m above ground level, in a covered location such as below overhanging eaves, and in a northerly direction to protect from the glare of the sun. The boxes should not be accessible to predators via tree branches, telephone wires etc. The image below shows the RSPB Swift Nesting Box, which is the design we recommend is used. Please refer to Drawing 20058-515A for the suggested location of the boxes.

