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New comments have been received for application 6/2024/0043/COND at site address: Car Park Salisbury Square Hatfield AL9 5AD

from North East Herts Swift Group [REDACTED] nehswifts@gmail.com

Address:  
Hillside Cottage, Patmore Heath, Albury, Herts, SG11 2LS

Comment type:  
Comment

Comments:

We would support the comment of [REDACTED]. This potential development is close to a colony of swifts. The new houses therefore offer an excellent opportunity to supplement this or create a new colony if Hatfield & Welwyn Council could please specify by condition the inclusion of integrated swift bricks in the interests of biodiversity. We hope the council will support this and be ambitious in the number of swift bricks specified as it is a genuine opportunity to help reverse the decline of these birds.

Swifts are a red listed bird that have declined by more than half in the last twenty years and swift bricks are a really valuable conservation tool that should be used to help reverse their decline

Swift bricks last the lifetime of the building and are inconspicuous, simple and inexpensive to install and do not require ongoing maintenance. Swifts are relatively clean birds that take their mess away from the nest and their presence is likely to go largely unnoticed by residents

Case Officer:  
Ms Ashley Ransome