

Comment for planning application 6/2023/2418/OUTLINE

Application Number	6/2023/2418/OUTLINE
Location	Former Hook Estate and Kennels, Coopers Lane Road/Firs Wood Close, Northaw EN6 4BY
Proposal	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for primary means of access for up to 150 C2 (extra care) dwellings, ancillary community facilities, landscaping, and access from Coopers Lane Road
Case Officer	Mr David Elmore
Organisation	
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>If this application is granted, I would like to see the inclusion of swift bricks on any new buildings. Swifts are in trouble and numbers have declined by 60% since 1995, according to the BTO. Swift bricks will help mitigate against the ongoing loss of swift nesting sites across the borough due to refurbishment and repair that blocks and destroys many swift cavities ,causing the collapse of colonies that may have been returning to the same site/buildings for many years. Swifts are site faithful and as these buildings are repaired/refurbished their nesting sites are lost, with tragic results. Any opportunity to offset this with the provision of swift bricks in new buildings should be seized to offer alternative nest sites for our Red listed swifts to breed. This should be standard practice across Welwyn Hatfield Borough and when provided with other landscape initiatives can offer biodiversity net gain. I support other comments on here in relation to swift brick inclusion.</p>
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