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Subject: Development site known as 'Land off High Street, Sutton Benger'



A Wiltshire Critical Species

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Dear Mr Bostock and Mr Crozier

Referring to the ‘Revised Plans Covering Letter’ submission date 14/05/26, we would like to correct the statement made in the letter regarding the Homes for Nature Pledge.

Choice of trees could provide opportunities for greater use of native species	homes. As such, none are required by the S106. The proposed tree species have been amended.
Assurances that wildlife-positive features will be provided, including bird/bat nest boxes and hedgehog highways	Charles Church is committed to the Homes for Nature pledge which ensures that one habitat feature is included for every new dwelling. At Sutton Benger this includes either a bird or bat box on every home, as well as the inclusion of hedgehog holes to form hedgehog highways through the development. These features are identified on the Biodiversity Framework Plan.

Documents

Please see extract from the Guidance Document below.

1.2 The commitment

Our commitment under the Homes for Nature programme is as follows:

- A ratio that corresponds to a minimum of one universal integral nest brick per plot installed in line with the British Standard (BS 42021), with an adapted ratio for apartments, as well as one hedgehog highway per development.
- Under the scheme, location, number, distribution, and type of measure will be decided on the basis of ecological advice, however universal integral nest bricks must be installed with reference to the guidance set out in BS 42021.
- A 5-year programme commencing with all new planning applications from September 2024 through to 2030.
- Annual reviews of progress and outcomes.
- Annual reporting of installations.
- Further measures are encouraged such as bat roost boxes and tiles, insect bricks, and hibernacula. Location, number, distribution, habitat enhancements and type of measure will be guided by ecological advice.
- Nature friendly planting to a standard which aligns with recognised guidance for pollinators (e.g. NatureScot Guidance – Pollinators in Planning and Construction Guide; RHS Plants for Pollinators and Bumblebee Conservation 'Bee Kind Flower Finder³)
- Nature friendly SuDS, where appropriate, that incorporates the whole management train with design and planting aligned with recognised good practice guidance for wildlife (e.g. Sustainable Drainage Systems (WWT, RSPB, 2012)).
- A commitment to working with the Future Homes Hub to devise an appropriate approach to surveying and monitoring of the scheme.

The commitment specifically states an average of 1 universal nest brick per plot, other bird and bat features are welcomed but 'in addition'.

Kind regards

Camilla Barlow

On behalf of North Wiltshire Swifts