

Comment on planning application

Joy Croo [REDACTED] >

Wed 11/08/2021 10:40

To: Planning <Planning@northlincs.gov.uk>;

📎 2 attachments

Annex swifts).docx; ATT00001.htm;

4 Beverley Court
Healing
NE Lincs
DN41 7SP

11.08.21

Dear Mark Niland,
Noth Lincs Planning Department

Application reference: PA/2021/1330

Proposal: 20 dwelling

Address: Scotter Rd/High Street, Messingham

I wish to comment on this planning application. **If your authority intends to grant permission for this planning application, I recommend you make installation of a minimum of 20 swift nest bricks a planning condition to provide enhancement for biodiversity.**

Designing for and installing swift bricks into the fabric of the new building(s) during the construction phase is easy, inexpensive, and will last the life-time of the building.

More information on integral nest sites and location guidance is in the annex.

Installing integral swift bricks would contribute to the objectives of the national legislation and planning policy set out below and demonstrate the commitment of your authority to protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

Section 40 of the **Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006**, states: *“Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.”*

This is supported by the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2018** in **paragraph 175d**: When determining planning applications, local planning authorities should apply the following principles: *“..... opportunities to incorporate biodiversity improvements in and around developments should be encouraged.”*

Defra quote [response given to petition for protection of swift nests]:

“All local authorities have a duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making. As well as this duty, national planning policy states that the planning system should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. Specific biodiversity features, such as swift bricks, would normally be required of developments through either the relevant local plan or through the local authority’s development control team. ...”

Yours sincerely

Joy Croot

Grimsby Area Swift Project
and on behalf of : Lincolnshire Bird Club