

## Representation on the Sheffield Plan Publication (Pre-Submission) Draft

### Respondent details

**Comment ID number:** PDSP.145.001

**What is your Name:** MikeyJP

**If you are making this representation as a member of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation:**

Swifts Local Network

**If you or your organisation are making a representation on behalf of another person, organisation or group, please tell us who it is and its role:**

N/A

### Document

**Which document to you wish to make a representation on:**

Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation

**Which section of the document is your representation on:**

Policy GS5: Development and Biodiversity

**Which paragraph/site/map layer of the document is representation on:**

N/A

### Representation

**Do you consider the Local Plan is legally compliant:** Yes

**Do you consider the Local Plan is sound:** No

**Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the duty to co-operate:** Yes

**Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate:**

I support clause (L) "incorporate design features that enhance biodiversity" but currently it is not sound, because it's not effective. This is because whilst "design features to enhance biodiversity" is defined in the "Definitions" section, more detail should be provided on which features should be selected. Swift bricks are a universal nest brick for small bird species that are specifically highlighted to be valuable to wildlife in paragraph 023 of NPPG Natural Environment 2019. Swift bricks are also a better option than external bird boxes as they are a permanent feature of the building that does not require any maintenance. Therefore to be sound and effective, swift bricks should be installed in all developments, specified and installed in accordance with best practice guidance.

**Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above:**

Please include the following under GS5 DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY: Swift bricks are a universal nest brick for small bird species, so should be specified and installed in accordance with best-practice guidance in all developments including extensions.

**If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s):**

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

**If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

To provide further information, if required.

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I support clause (A) "protect, enhance, restore and implement appropriate conservation management of the biodiversity value of the land and buildings", but currently it is not sound, because it's not effective. This is because clarification is required that "biodiversity value of buildings" may include traditional nest sites of birds such as swifts which return annually to the same nest site but may be absent outside the breeding season.

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Please include under GS5 DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY: The biodiversity value of buildings includes the traditional nest sites of birds such as swifts which return annually to the same nest site. An ecological survey will advise on the presence of such sites.

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