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Regis Park – Sefter Road Site

Dear Mr Easton,

I am writing about the new housing development due to be built north of Sefter Road, Pagham, called Regis Park – planning code: P/134/16/OUT and P/16/22/DOC.

I would like to enquire if Taylor Wimpey will be building the new houses with ecological elements integrated into the buildings and gardens? I am particularly interested in the addition of **Swift Nest Bricks** in the houses.

I live in Osborne Way, backing on to the Sefter Road site, and there is a colony of 20-30 swifts which return to the area each year. If Taylor Wimpey builds their new houses with habitats – such as Swift Nest Bricks, then this will greatly help this endangered species (the RSPB have recently announced that swifts are now on their Red List).

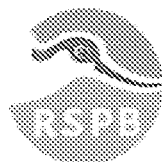
I understand from conversations with the RSPB and the Sussex Ornithological Society that you are the best person to contact as the case officer for this development. They also mentioned that Brighton and Adur councils are encouraging new build properties to have swift bricks; it would be great to see Arun do the same.

Please see enclosed for information about the nesting bricks and how property developers have used these elsewhere in the UK.

I look forward to hearing from you.

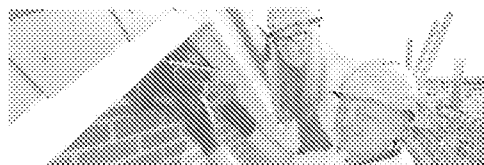
Kind regards,

Nicola Clarke



Building new homes for swifts

Jeremy Hipkiss, Group Sales and Marketing Director at Barratt Developments plc
Monday 18 February 2019



Barratt Developments plc's partnership with RSPB is focused on giving nature a home. Right from the very start a key objective of the partnership was to provide new homes for swifts, one of Britain's best loved birds.

Unfortunately swifts are in steep decline due to losing crucial nesting sites as old buildings are knocked down and holes are filled in. As the country's largest housebuilder, Barratt Developments plc, are well placed to help to give the birds new homes in the houses that we build.

So we worked together with RSPB and Manthorpe Building Products to design a completely new swift nesting box in the form of a brick which can be easily fitted into new homes. The bricks are an industry first, fully drained, ventilated and unobtrusive, matching the colour of the bricks being used in the house. In 2017 the bricks even won a prestigious NextGeneration innovation award for their design.

So far we've installed them at developments in Aylesbury, Exeter and Bristol, but we have plans to roll them out much wider across the country in the coming months and years. Kerry McCarthy, the RSPB's Parliamentary Swift Champion, recently came down to our St Matthias development in Bristol to help install one of the bricks. Overall, our aim is to build lots of new homes with the bricks installed to help these iconic birds.

We have also just written a new guide for customers buying homes with swift bricks. It gives details about the bricks and reassures customers that since swifts are very clean birds, they won't be affected in any way. There is also a simple 5 point plan for customers to help swifts and what to look out for if they do nest.

It's still too soon to see nesting pairs in the bricks which have been installed as swifts typically

take several years to find new nesting sites. However, we are hopeful that in just a few years we will have given swift numbers a significant boost by giving them permanent new homes across the country.

[Find out more about giving swifts a home](#)

[Find out more about how Barratt Developments plc are working to give nature a home](#)

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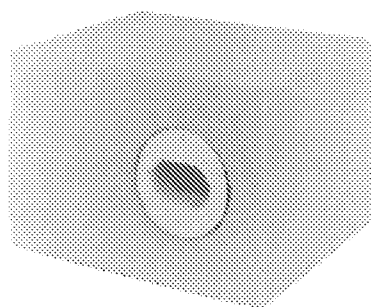
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Swift Bricks - Durable, no maintenance, low cost

Easy to install Swift nest places

For a surprisingly modest outlay you can create very long lasting Swift nest places



On the left is the Schwegler Swift Brick, probably the first such nestbox. Made of a type of concrete, it has a hollow interior for the Swifts to nest in. It measures 180mm high, 265mm wide, and is 220mm deep. Similar versions are available from other manufacturers.



On the right is a pile of UK-made "S" Bricks. They can be made to match any brick or stone, they can also be made to match any brick size. They come in three versions: synthetic board and brick, galvanised steel and brick, and a type suitable for rendered and pebble dash walls.

Use them in blockwork or brickwork walls, ideally as the top course, or placed high in gables, flank walls and ends of terraces. If you have

enough space,
you can make
patterns from
these bricks.
Try and space
them from
50cm to 100cm
apart.

↗ Your new nest-places should be out of direct sunlight or else shaded beneath broad eaves. They should be 5 metres or more above ground. They should not be obstructed by nearby trees, window cleaning rigs, ladders, walkways, cables, or creepers.

↗ Install 2 to 4 Swift Bricks on a medium to large house, from 4 to 10 on a small block of flats, and 10 to 40 on a large site like a school, hospital or warehouse, a factory or a major apartment development.

↗ Install them in a straight line, or in a pattern, under the eaves or across a vertical wall, away from windows. They should not need any maintenance nor cleaning.

↗ Don't worry about the Swifts making a mess. Swifts are very clean and they will not leave those piles of droppings that Feral Pigeons do.



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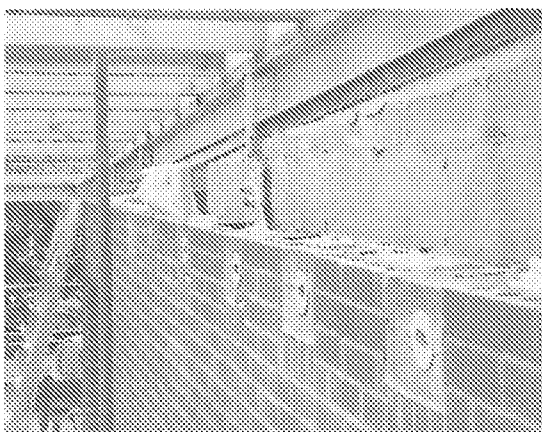
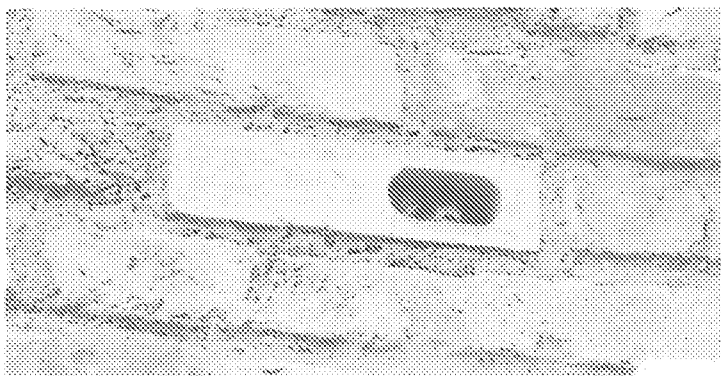
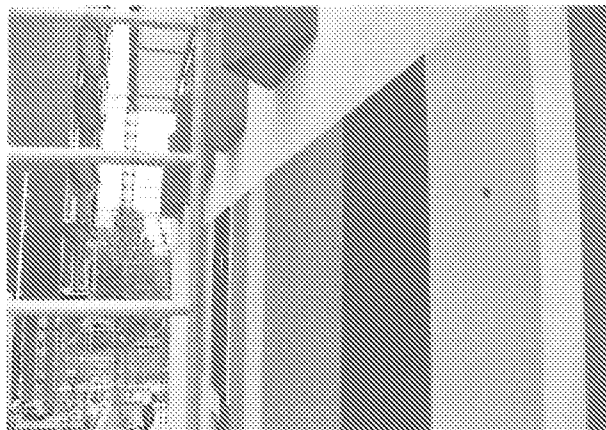


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Some examples of Swift Brick installations



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↗ Above left - Schwegler Swift Bricks installed at Terry Farrell's Swiss Cottage Sports Centre, London NW3, designed and built for Camden Council. Camden were keen to have Swifts breeding at this site to bring some wildlife to a busy urban area. They asked Swift Conservation to specify and supervise the design and installation of these nest places.

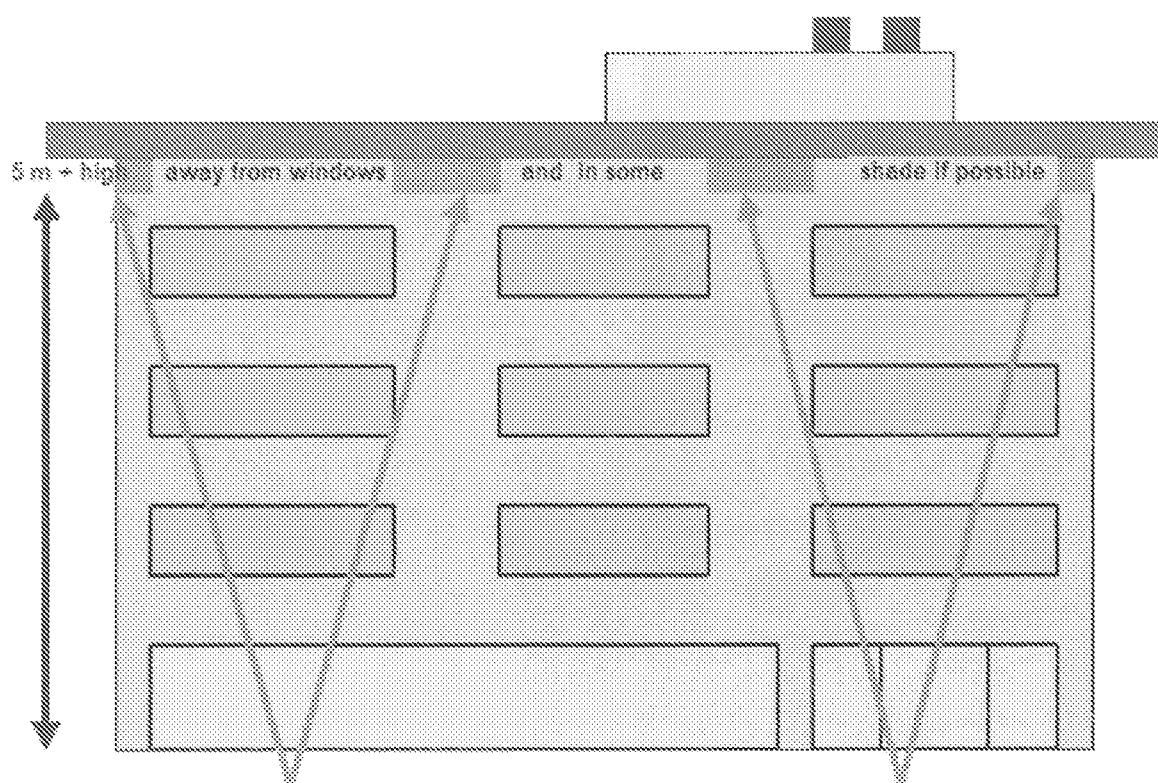
↗ It's normal practice to hide these bricks behind rendering, pebble dash, or even tile and stone facings. All that is necessary is that the entrance hole is exposed for the Swifts to gain access.

↗ Middle photo above shows a successful "S" Brick inserted flush into the brickwork of the gable of this dwelling house. You can see the chick peeking out.

↗ On the right above are Schwegler Swift Bricks installed at the Notting Hill Housing Trust / Barnet Council sheltered housing project at New Barnet, North London. Local residents asked Swift Conservation to help them establish nest places for Swifts in the new building, so that existing birds would not become homeless following demolition of the former buildings on this site.

Typical Swift Bricks installation

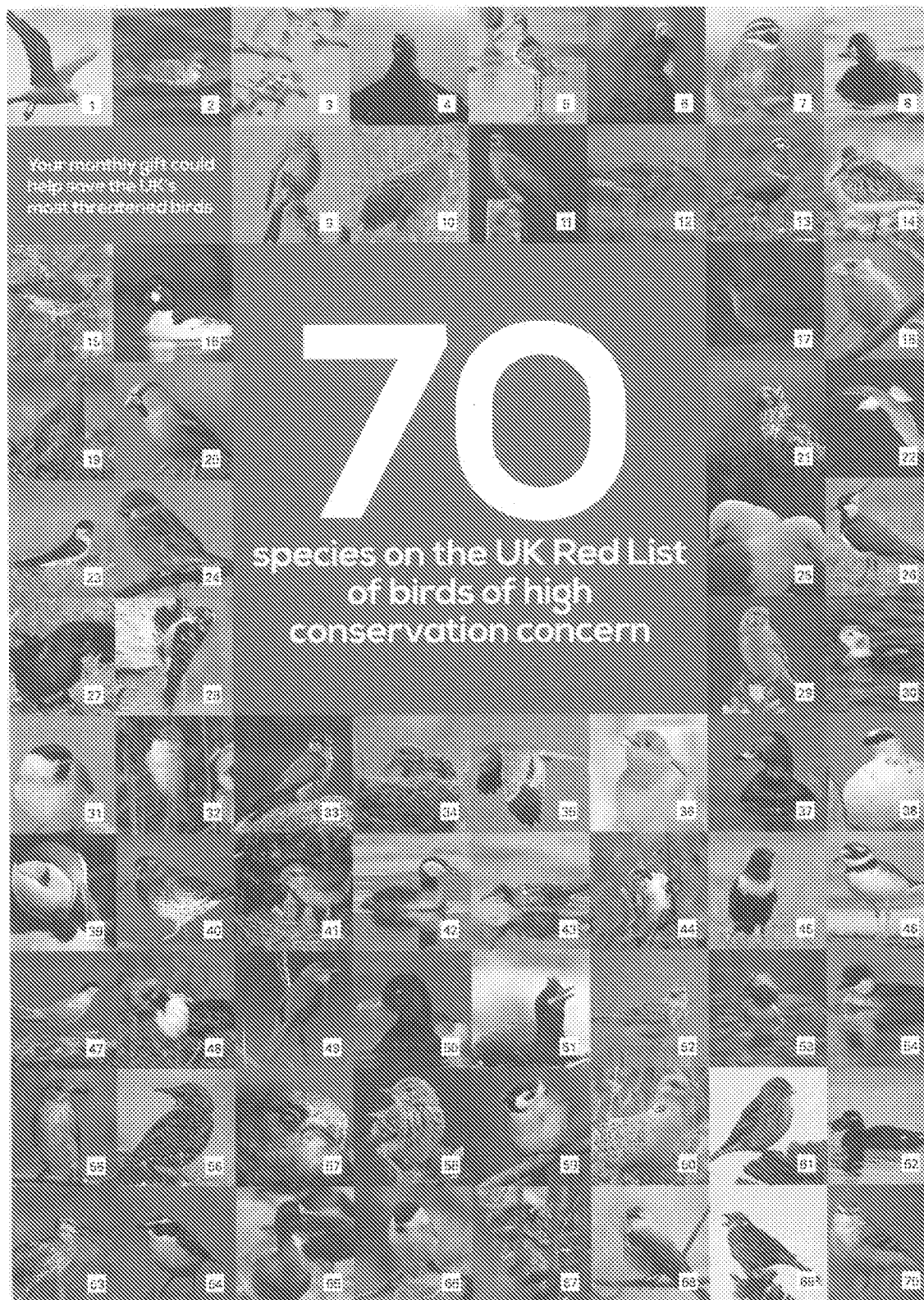
Where to Install your Swift Bricks



Install the Swift Bricks in areas out of constant sunlight, (areas shown here as pink blocks) and not directly above windows. They can be placed in patterns on walls, and you should aim to keep the nest bricks about 50cm to 100cm apart. Swift Brick installations do not usually generate any problems with droppings. Minimum height from the ground should be 5 metres, and the Bricks should not be obstructed by trees, ladders, creepers or window cleaning gear. On an office block like this you could fit from 10 to 40 Swift Bricks.



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Your monthly gift could
help save the UK's
most threatened birds

70

species on the UK Red List
of birds of high
conservation concern

1 in 4 UK bird species are under threat

With no immediate end to the nature crisis in sight, the latest Red List confirms that the number of birds in serious trouble is still growing. We've listed all 70 birds in danger below and highlighted the 38 birds that are also on the RSPB's list of UK priority species. These species are already going through our four-step species recovery programme, so your regular gift today will directly help them in years to come. You'll also be helping the other species in trouble through our work to support and advise other conservation partners, landowners and policy makers.

The recovery of many of these species depends on us changing the world for birds. Together, we can create wild places, deliver vital conservation work and help protect these birds, to give them a more secure future in years to come.

Red List species

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| 1. Arctic skua | 25. Kittiwake | 49. Savi's warbler |
| 2. Balearic shearwater | 26. Lapwing | 50. Scaup |
| 3. Bewick's swan | 27. Leach's storm petrel | 51. Shag |
| 4. Black grouse | 28. Lesser spotted woodpecker | 52. Skylark |
| 5. Black-tailed godwit | 29. Linnet | 53. Slavonian grebe |
| 6. Capercaillie | 30. Long-tailed duck | 54. Snipe |
| 7. Chl bunting | 31. Marsh tit | 55. Spotted flycatcher |
| 8. Common scoter | 32. Marsh warbler | 56. Starling |
| 9. Corn bunting | 33. Merlin | 57. Swift |
| 10. Cormorant | 34. Mistle thrush | 58. Tree pinto |
| 11. Cuckoo | 35. Montagu's harrier | 59. Tree sparrow |
| 12. Curlew | 36. Nightingale | 60. Turtle dove |
| 13. Dotterel | 37. Pochard | 61. Twite |
| 14. Dunlin | 38. Ptarmigan | 62. Velvet scoter |
| 15. Fieldfare | 39. Puffin | 63. Whimbrel |
| 16. Goldeneye | 40. Purple sandpiper | 64. Whinchat |
| 17. Grasshopper warbler | 41. Red-backed shrike | 65. White-fronted goose |
| 18. Greenfinch | 42. Red-necked grebe | 66. Willow tit |
| 19. Grey partridge | 43. Red-necked phalarope | 67. Woodcock |
| 20. Hawfinch | 44. Redpoll | 68. Wood warbler |
| 21. Hen harrier | 45. Ring ouzel | 69. Yellowhammer |
| 22. Herring gull | 46. Ringed plover | 70. Yellow wagtail |
| 23. House martin | 47. Roseate tern | |
| 24. House sparrow | 48. Ruff | |

Find out more at rspb.org.uk/ukredlist

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