

**Ecological Consultants Environmental and Rural Chartered Surveyors** 

Your Ref: Our Ref: 3756

Chipping Homes Ltd

Units A2-A6 Edge Fold Industrial Estate

Plodder Lane Farnworth Bolton England

BL4 OLR

Tuesday, 22 January 2019

Dear Sirs

## RE: CONDITION 47 - NESTING BIRDS AND ROOSTING BATS

We would submit the following information in order to discharge condition 47 of the planning consent;

No development shall take place on a parcel of land (as defined on Dwg No 05024\_MP\_00\_105) until details of the provisions to be made for bird nesting opportunities to be installed within the re-developed buildings and new buildings on that land parcel have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include provision of appropriate nesting opportunities for House Sparrow, Song Thrush, Jackdaw and Swift. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details which shall be implemented and be made available prior to the development hereby approved being brought into use.

This condition overlaps with condition 5. The proposed provision (number, siting and design) of bird boxes are the same for condition 5 as condition 47.

Song Thrush usually nest within shrubs/ bushes rather than houses. We would therefore suggest the provision of boxes with a tree on site is more appropriate.

Jackdaw are a pest species which will predate the young of other birds. This species is widespread and common and has a very low conservation value. It is very messy and noisy at its nest site. It usually nests in tree holes. We would therefore recommend the provision of a box within a tree on site is more appropriate.



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- We would suggest the use of 1 x No. Open fronted nest Box. This is a multi species suitable artificial tree hole box.
- We would suggest the use of 1 x 25mm Entrance Hole timber bird boxes to be cited in trees/shrubs around the site providing nesting for a range of small passerine species.
- We would suggest the incorporation of 2 x No. 10 Schwegler Swallow cups under the eaves
- We would suggest the incorporation of 2 x bat roosts/ Swift cavities within the stone facing

Total number of boxes/ roosts sites = 6, Total number of houses = 4. Ratio of provision of nest/ roosts to houses of 1.5:1

The combination of these bird boxes will provide a range of nesting opportunities. These should be positioned on elevations, preferably on gable ends, facing the site boundary and or large trees to the site boundary.

More than one box can be placed on the same tree or house with different species using each box and or bat colonies split between roosts. Species such as house sparrow are communal nesters.

The dense use of boxes is beneficial to some species which are usually outcompeted for nesting sites by Bluetit. Bluetit will not nest in proximity to each other hence saturation of bluetit territories is required before other species can utilise nest sites in the same area.

These products have been selected due to the longevity afforded to them by the material used, and the low annual maintenance that will be required post-installation.

The bird and boxes should all however be erected at a height of at least 2.5m around the eaves of the building and not above branches. Boxes are to be located away from structures that would allow predators, such as domestic cats, access to them.

A plan is attached for the suggested positions of the bird and bat boxes within site (Figure 1) along with elevational drawings Figure 2 and 3 showing the proposed locations on buildings.

**Yours Sincerely** 

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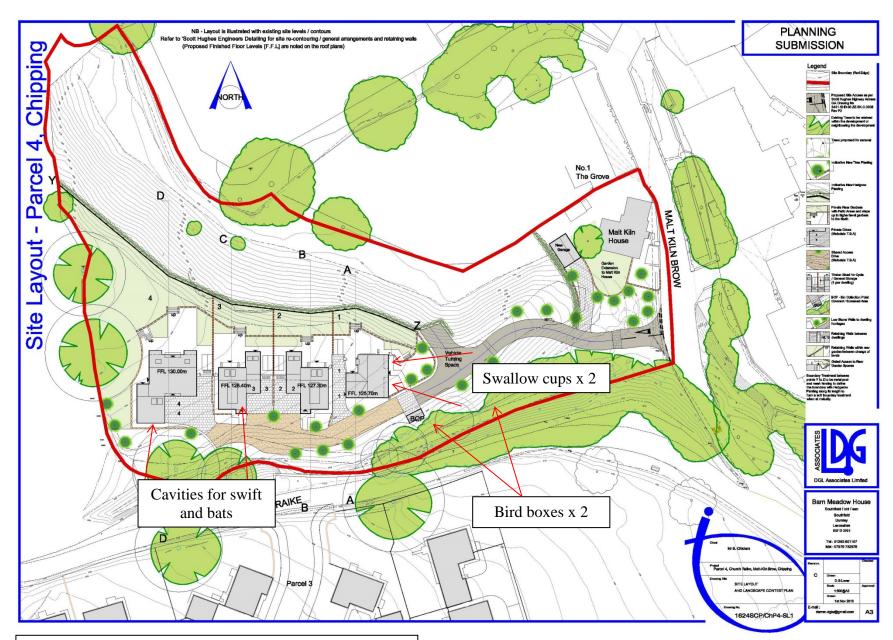
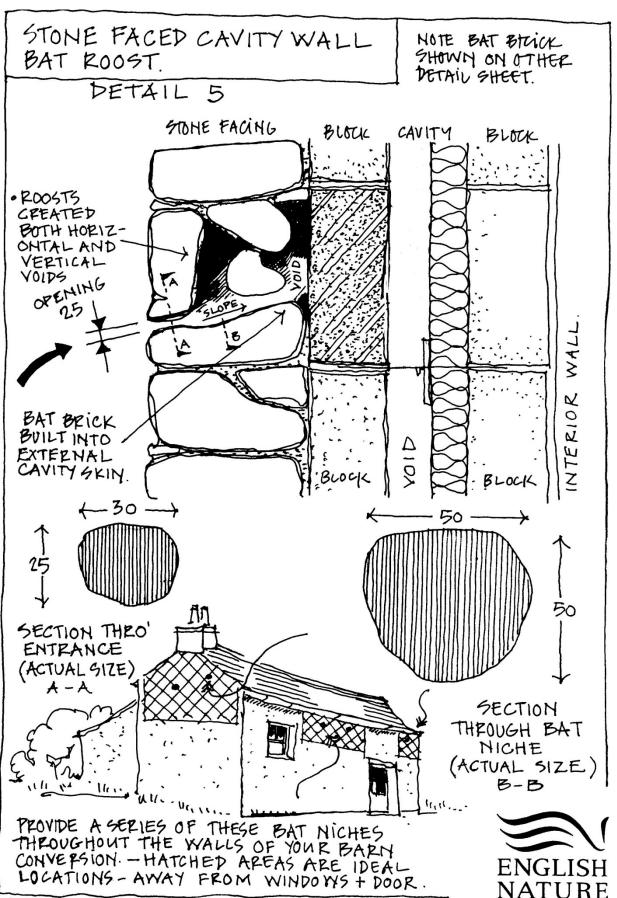


Figure 1- integrated bat and bird roost/ nest sites





The above information is for guidance only and may not be appropriate in all circumstances, if in doubt seek professional advice.

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