

Response ID ANON-XXXX-WAUG-C

Submitted to Central Lancashire Local Plan Regulation 19 Representation Period
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Part A: Personal Details

1 What is your title?

Mr

2 What is your first name?

First Name:
Michael

3 What is your last name?

Last name:
Priaulx

4 What is your job title? (if relevant to the representation)

Job title:
[REDACTED]

5 What is your organisation? (if relevant to the representation)

Organisation:
Swifts Local Network: Swifts & Planning Group

6 What Authority do live/work in?

[REDACTED]

7 What is your address?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

8 What is your email address?

Email:
[REDACTED]

Part B: Representation

9 Which part of the Central Lancashire Local Plan would you like to make a representation about?

Chapter 7: High Quality Environment (EN1-EN19)

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154 Which policy would you like to make a representation for?

EN5: Green Infrastructure

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171 Do you consider the Central Lancashire Local Plan is:

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - Legally Compliant:
Yes

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - Sound (If you check 'No', please also confirm below which of the 'tests' it fails to meet):

No

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - a) Positively prepared:

Yes

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - b) Justified:

Yes

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - c) Effective:

No

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - d) Consistent with national policy:

Yes

Spatial Vision: Soundness/legal/DtC - Complies with the Duty to Cooperate:

Yes

172 Please give details of why you consider the Central Lancashire Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible (i.e., if objecting on legal grounds then please quote the specific law that the Central Lancashire Local Plan does not conform with). If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Central Lancashire Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Policy EN5: Legal Compliance:

The reference in 3(e) and paragraph 7.25 to swift bricks is welcome to implement the relevant sections of the NPPF and NPPG, but to be sound and effective the text needs to be more consistent; for information it should be clarified that swift bricks are universal nest bricks not just for swifts; and to ensure suitable numbers and locations, reference to best-practice guidance is required.

Swift bricks are considered a universal nest brick suitable for a wide range of small bird species including swifts, house sparrows and starlings (e.g. see NHBC Foundation: Biodiversity in New Housing Developments (April 2021) Section 8.1 Nest sites for birds, page 42: <https://www.nhbc.co.uk/foundation/biodiversity-in-new-housing-developments>).

173 Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Central Lancashire Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified in the question above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at Examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Central Lancashire Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

EN5: Modifications:

To be sound and effective by using consistent wording and referring to best practice guidance, please add to 7.25:

Swift bricks are a universal nest brick for small bird species and should be installed in new developments including extensions, in accordance with best practice guidance such as BS 42021 or CIEEM. Artificial nest cups for house martins may be proposed instead of swift bricks where recommended by an ecologist.

Also add: Swift bricks are significantly more beneficial than external bird boxes as they are a permanent feature of the building, have zero maintenance requirements, are aesthetically integrated with the design of the building, and have better thermal regulation with future climate change in mind.

Delete ", bird" from 3(e) as there is no national planning guidance support for generic bird boxes, which are likely to be short-lived high-maintenance timber boxes for non-target species.

Amend 7.25 2nd sentence from "on new buildings" to "in new buildings" or "for new buildings", as these are all integrated products.

Also for consistency, change the reference in 7.25 to "bat access panels" (which are for retaining access to existing colonies in existing buildings, not new buildings which this sentence refers to), to "integrated bat boxes" to correspond with 3(e).

Also please add: Existing nest sites for building-dependent species such as swifts and house martins should be protected, as these endangered red-listed species which are present but declining in Central Lancashire return annually to traditional nest sites. Mitigation should be provided if these nest sites cannot be protected.

174 Do you wish to make a representations about a different section of the Plan?

No

Declaration

300 This is the final page of the Regulation 19 Consultation survey. After completing this page, your response will be submitted. If you wish to go back and make a representation on another part of the survey, please click 'go back' below.

Not Answered

301 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)

302 If you have answered 'yes' to the question above, wishing to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

why participation is necessary:

To provide further information, if required.

303 By completing and submitting this representation, I agree to my name (and other relevant details necessary) and representation(s) being shared and made available for public viewing.

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304 If you wish to be contacted further at future stages of the Local Plan process and to be added to the Central Lancashire and/or district individual consultation databases, please select the relevant option below

Future stages on the Local Plan - I wish to be contacted at future stages of the Local Plan process and added to the Local Plan Consultation database for Central Lancashire:

Yes

Future stages on the Local Plan - I wish to be contacted about Planning Policy matters and added to the Chorley Consultation database.:

Yes

Future stages on the Local Plan - I wish to be contacted about Planning Policy matters and added to the South Ribble Consultation database.:

Yes

Future stages on the Local Plan - I wish to be contacted about Planning Policy matters and added to the Preston Consultation database.:

Yes