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**To:** Hilary Saunders **Cc:** Sara Robin

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Hello again

From the Protected Species report it is clear that breeding birds would lose habitat as a result of the development, including species which are declining. From the RSPB website: ".... since 1995 the British Swift population has declined by 38 per cent and the species has been placed on the list of Birds of Conservation Concern as Amber, meaning it is in need of our help after its decline, which is possibly due to a number of factors, including lack of insect food, the changing climate and a reduction in the number of suitable nest sites." (My italics)

Again from RSPB: "Widespread declines in house martin numbers have been reported from central and northern Europe since 1970." Swallows are not as threatened, but their numbers do fluctuate from year to year.

The recommendations for swifts and house martins in 4.3.2 of the report, illustrated in the appendices, should be conditioned if the application is approved. I would also encourage that the recommendations for swallows are conditioned as well.

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Hi Hilary,

Please see attached the Protected Species and Bat survey reports provided by Curtis Ecoogy for the above application.

Should you have any queries just let me know.

Kind regards Neil





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