

Hello Arwel,

Thank you for contacting Essex Wildlife Trust regarding this application.

I am unable to comment fully due to difficulties in accessing the relevant planning documents on your consultation portal. I have been unable to examine the Phase 1 Habitat Survey, the Design and Access Statement and a detailed development masterplan.

Consequently, my comments are limited to being only general observations. The site does not carry any ecological designations, however the habitats on site will support some biodiversity which will be lost as a result of the development. It is important that the developer should aim for an overall net gain in biodiversity. Features to encourage biodiversity within the development should be included in the design and landscaping, using native planting wherever possible. Residential garden boundaries should incorporate 150cm-150cm gaps at the base of fence panels to allow for the movement of hedgehogs. Log piles, areas of long grass, nectar-rich flowering plants and strategically-positioned bird nestboxes and bat boxes should be included in the design.

The location of the site makes it potentially suitable for the incorporation into the building design of Manthorpe swift brick boxes to contribute to the current Swift Conservation initiative. Details can be found here:

[http://www.swift-conservation.org/Manthorpe\\_1\\_%20SwiftNestBrick\\_%20Product\\_Information\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.swift-conservation.org/Manthorpe_1_%20SwiftNestBrick_%20Product_Information_Sheet.pdf)

To increase the likelihood of swifts colonising the new boxes a call device can be installed to attract the birds to the location. Details can be found here:

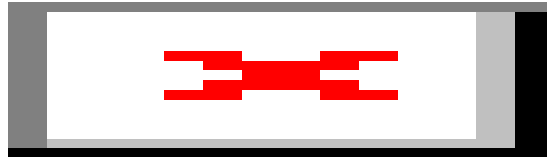
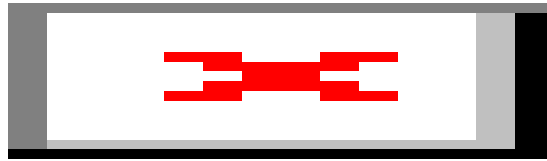
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If you would like any further information please let me know.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: 16/00899/FUL: TIMBER GROVE, LONDON ROAD, RAYLEIGH, ESSEX, SS6 9DT

Good afternoon.

I contact you in connection with the above planning application which has been re allocated to myself as the case officer to prepare a report for consideration by ‘members’ of the Development Management

Committee in the near future. Having completed my draft report and having reviewed the consultation responses received as held on Rochford Council's electronic document management system, it appears that no reply has been received from your organisation in response to this application.

Given the scale of the development it is considered imperative that the Local Planning Authority gains a response from your organisation in order to inform its consideration of the planning application which will ultimately be a committee decision. I kindly request your formal written response on the basis that no record exists of a response. I would appreciate if you could issue a response in relation to this application should you wish to issue such within 7 working days of the date of this correspondence.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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