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6 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

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7 If you are commenting on behalf of someone else, please state their name here. If you are representing more than one person or group we suggest making a separate submission for each.

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I do NOT want my address and postcode to be published with my response.

9 Do you wish to be notified when:

the Council submits the Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Government?, the Inspector's report is published?, the Oxford Local Plan 2045 is adopted?

10 If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)? Please note: while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

Yes

11 If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please tell us why you consider this to be necessary. Please note: the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

reason to attend hearings:

To provide further information, if required.

Policy G5: Delivering Onsite Ecological Enhancements

135 Do you consider that policy G5 is sound?

No

136 If you do NOT consider policy G5 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

policy is NOT effective, policy is NOT consistent with national policy

g5 comments:

"Appendix 4.2 is very welcome in principle but not currently sound as it's not effective due to a lack of clarity about compliance with national planning policy.

A mandatory item for Minor/ Major developments is "one bird box per dwelling... including consideration of building-dependent species",

which is open to interpretation and unclear that integrated boxes such as swift bricks are preferred,

but national planning guidance NPPG Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017 specifically states:

"Developments should include integrated nest boxes (commonly known as swift bricks) where possible,

with the general aim across a development of a minimum of one nest box per unit."

137 Do you consider that policy G5 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy G5 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

g5 legal compliance comments:

138 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the policy legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the 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.

suggested changes to make g5 sound:

To make Appendix 4.2 sound, effective, and clearly consistent with national policy,

as swift bricks are clearly stated to be preferable to external boxes in NPPG Natural Environment 2025 paragraph 017:

for the Pot 1 Mandatory item for Minor/ Major developments,

after "building-dependent species" add "such as swift bricks (preferred) or swift boxes".

for the Pot 1 Mandatory item for Householder/ Minor/ Major developments,

please place bricks first & state preferred, i.e. "at least one swift brick (preferred) or swift box".

Chapter 4: A Green Biodiverse City that is resilient to climate change (whole chapter)

155 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 4? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 4:

156 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above are sound?

Not Answered

157 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

c4 comments:

158 Do you consider the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

Not Answered

c4 legal compliance comments:

159 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the 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.

suggested changes to make chapter sound: