



## BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN - SWIFTS

<b>SITE NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6QT
<b>PLANNING APPLICATION REF.</b>	2025/62/91122/W
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL</b>	Redevelopment of site for mixed-use
<b>DATE</b>	18 March 2026

### INTRODUCTION

Knight Sky Ecology was commissioned to provide ecological consultancy services in relation to the development proposals at Turnbridge Mills. The development received planning permission on 13 March 2026.

The submission of a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan in respect of common swifts is required to discharge Condition 38 of the planning permission notice.

### BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENTS

The scheme aims to target the 'red-listed' swift species which are listed as priority species under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC Act 2006). Two swift nests were recorded Building B which is subject to demolition; therefore, this swift box scheme will both compensate for the loss of these nest sites and provide additional nesting opportunities.

The details of **six common swift boxes** to be installed at the site are provided in the following table.



### Common Swift Boxes and Siting Advice

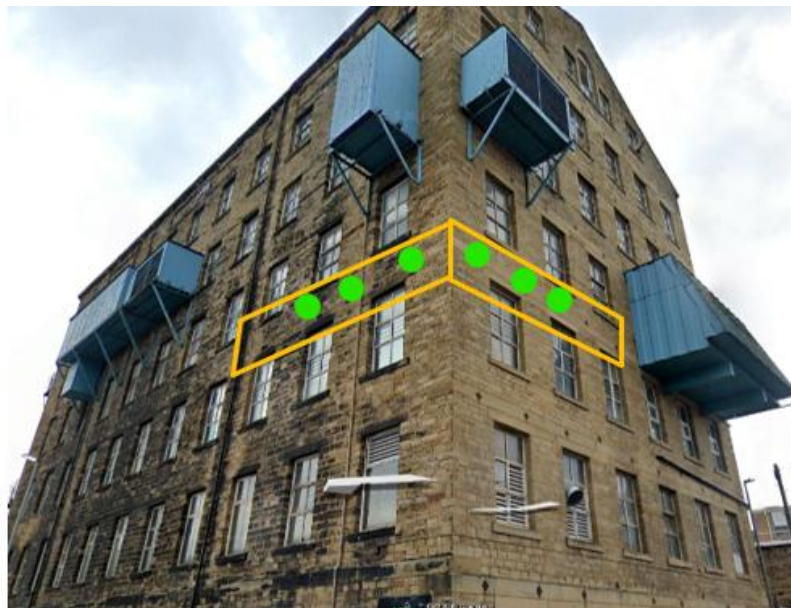
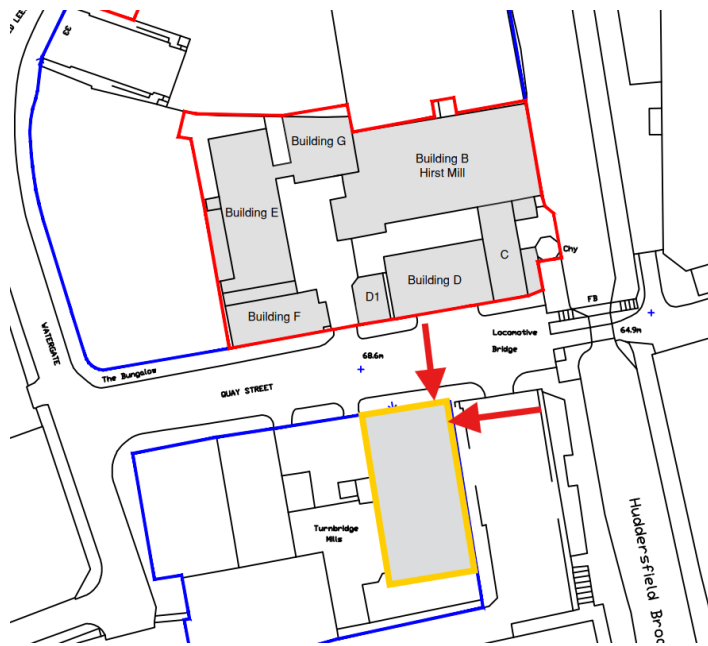
#### Locations

Three boxes are to be fixed onto the north wall and three boxes are to be fixed onto the east wall of the building as indicated in the image below. The boxes will be positioned at a height that exceeds 5m. The boxes will be spaced 1.5m apart.



Methods of installation will require a Mobile Elevating Work Platform. The boxes will be sited to ensure birds will have a clear flight path to the nest entrance.

#### Illustration of Location

Location of boxes as indicated by red arrows:





<b>Numbers and Models</b>	6no. Woodstone® Swift façade nest box	
	 	<p>Available from <a href="https://www.nhbs.com">https://www.nhbs.com</a></p> <p>These external Woodstone® Swift boxes are an ideal alternative nesting location for swifts that can be mounted on the external surface of a building. This makes them excellent for retrofitting onto existing buildings where there is a need to increase biodiversity. The Woodstone® box is extremely hard-wearing and will give years of service without degrading. It has a sloping roof to help deflect rain and offers options for either a bottom or front entrance which allow you to tailor the type of box to the scenario in which it is being installed.</p>

### **FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**

An Ecological Clerk of Works is to advise on the placement of the above listed boxes prior to the construction works.

### **MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT**

Swift boxes do not generally require cleaning. No strict monitoring or ecological supervision is required in relation to the installation or management of the boxes. The chosen boxes have a relatively long lifespan and do not need maintenance. The boxes are located within an area under the ownership of John L Brierley Ltd.