

Motion C: Swift Nesting Sites - Proposed by Councillor St. John, Seconded by Councillor Dingwall.

Council is pleased to note that, to encourage nesting by swifts, swift brick planning conditions are already imposed as a matter of course on applications where the size and aspect of the building is appropriate. Council wishes to increase the availability of suitable nesting sites on domestic and commercial buildings for a bird that is a quintessential part of our spring and summer months and whose numbers have been declining rapidly for various reasons.

Council resolves to:

I. Consider options, as part of the current Local Plan review, for incorporating the practice of imposing swift brick conditions into a suitably worded planning policy.

Minutes:

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Councillor St. John proposed that the resolutions attached to the motion are agreed by Council. This was seconded by Councillor Colin Dingwall.

After advice from the Chair that it would be reasonable for the motion to be referred to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, Councillor St. John stated that he was happy for this to happen, as it would benefit for the relevant wording be attached to any resolutions in line with the Local Plan.

Council Resolved to refer the motion to the Climate & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

## Annex B

Motion B: Development Grampian Conditions - Proposed by Councillor. St. John, Seconded by Councillor Langridge.

This Council will seek to impose suitable 'Grampian' conditions on any development where the connection of the new dwellings or commercial space would impose additional flows of sewage and/or surface water into the local foul or surface water drainage systems, where these are unable to cope due to lack of adequate existing capacity.

This has been evidenced by pipe bursts, flooding, regular blockages and resultant flooding or surcharging either from main pipes, or at the eventual Sewage Treatment Works (STWs) serving the appropriate local system. When a system is upgraded to cope with the additional flows the development generates, then the development can proceed in accordance with the Local Plan. In particular the Council is concerned about schemes where surface water from a new development is proposed to be connected directly to a foul sewer unless the foul system has the capacity to treat the additional flows without storm events occurring at STWs – i.e. release of untreated sewage into the river system due to excess surface water in the system.

Council wishes to reduce/minimise the risk of untreated foul water being released onto land, into residents' property and into our river systems where Council Policy is to improve water quality, minimise pollution and enhance our natural environment - where necessary through suitable controls.

Council resolves to:

- I. Consider any options, as part of the current Local Plan review, for giving effect to this motion through planning policy.

Minutes:

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