

**Appendix 2**

***Informal Guidance note for provision of swift bricks and boxes in new development***

The Informal Guidance note will provide advice for applicants and developers and include illustrations and the following key information:

- Swift bricks should be applied to all new developments (residential and commercial) across the city of 5m or greater in height. Swift bricks are preferred to swift boxes as they are integrated into the building and cannot be removed and provide better temperature control.
- For minor developments (up to 9 residential units/less than 1,000sqm commercial floorspace);
  - The minimum number of swift bricks required on residential development is three bricks, or two per dwelling, whichever is the greater.
  - The minimum number of swift bricks required on commercial development is three bricks, or one per 50sqm of floorspace, whichever is the greater.
- For major developments (10+ residential units/1,000sqm+ commercial floorspace) specific requirements will be recommended by the County Ecologist.
- Swift bricks can be placed on any elevation, but ideally under shade-casting eaves.
- Swift bricks should be installed in groups of at least three, at a height above 5m height, and preferably with a 5m clearance between the host building and other buildings or obstructions.
- Where possible avoid siting swift bricks above windows or doors.
- Where swift bricks are not practical due to the nature of construction, for example buildings finished with external panels rather than brick or render, alternative designs of suitable swift nest boxes should be provided in their place

