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Hello Vicky, in terms of Condition 10, green roof detail, I would not object to the discharge of this condition, though for future reference it is worth noting that Sedum roofs use non-native species so if the development were closer to natural habitats then I would prefer if native species were used. However, as the proposal is in a heavily urbanised area, I would not object to a sedum roof on this occasion.

For the Ecological Enhancement condition 13, it is disappointing that my comments in relation to application 22/1033 were not taken into account, and two bird boxes / two bat boxes seems a limited offering for a development of 30 apartments. However, in the absence of adopted guidance for ecological enhancement in developments of this nature, and taking into account the other biodiversity benefits such as the landscaping measures proposed, I do not have grounds to object to discharge of this condition. In addition, the orientation of the main building is such that there is limited scope for more bat/bird boxes. Bird nest boxes are normally placed on a northern elevation, so there is limited room for these features in this instance. Similarly, we normally ask bat roosting boxes to be placed on a southern elevation, and as this is a narrow elevation there is less room for more bat boxes.

In addition, it is normally better if features such as bat bricks and swift brick are incorporated into the structure of a building so that they are permanent, and less prone to disturbance. However I see that the top floor will be clad in Catnic Urban Standing Seam cladding, which is less easy to incorporate these features into. Therefore I would accept the make and model of bat and bird boxes proposed in this instance.

Matt