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Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair, Petitions Committee  
Senedd Cymru  
Cardiff Bay  
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24 November 2025

Dear Carolyn,

**P-06-1489 Legislate to ensure Swift bricks are installed in all new buildings in Wales**

On behalf of the alliance of individuals, organisations and community groups that supported the above petition, we write to thank you and the Petitions Committee for ensuring that this important matter was debated in the Senedd.

Whilst we were pleased to see the petition draw support from across the Siambr, we were deeply disappointed by the response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning. We are concerned that whilst the Welsh Government acknowledges the need for urgent action on red listed species such as Swifts, it has no strategy to halt the decline in Swift nest sites or create new ones. Without these, there is a real risk that Swifts will become extinct as a breeding bird in Wales.

The thousands of supporters who signed the petition sent a clear message, and alongside them we will continue to call on the Welsh Government to take the necessary steps to ensure the simple, measurable and effective step of installing Swift bricks in all new buildings in Wales is mandated.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Petitioner

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