

TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD STATION, TAYLOR WOODROW + BAM NUTTALL JV



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

Tottenham Court Road is benefiting from major transport investment, including a new Crossrail station and a rebuilt Tube station. The changes being made will bring many advantages to train passengers, as well as those who live and work in the area, these benefits include:

- A new, larger ticket hall, 6 times the size of the existing one
- New entrances, 8 new escalators and a public plaza
- Safety and ambience improvements.

There will be benefits for biodiversity too. Swift nest boxes and bee hotels have been made by the team from our site waste wood. Some of these have now been installed on the building and the rest will be offered to other London Underground projects, such as Hainault and Loughton. Following contact with London Wildlife Trust, these two initiatives were identified as the most valuable contributions the project could make to local wildlife. Swift Conservation also visited site to advise on nest box siting.

In order to help attract swifts to the nest boxes, micro speakers have been placed inside two of the boxes and swift calls broadcast early morning and evening.

Swifts are in London for just three months each summer, bringing vital action and excitement to our city skies. Between 1995 and 2011 we lost about a third of all the Swifts breeding in the UK.

We will seek to pass on the legacy of this initiative to the developers who will move on to site after our project has finished. Several tall buildings are proposed for the site and Swift Conservation have many examples of permanent swift nest boxes incorporated into buildings.



Fact box

Company name:

Taylor Woodrow Bam Nuttall Joint Venture

Project name:

Tottenham Court Road Station

Location:

London

Biodiversity enhancement:

- Swift nest boxes
- Bee hotels

Size:

N/A

Cost:

Materials cost: £0

Swift call broadcasting equipment cost: £40

Tips:

Consult Swift Conservation website: <http://www.swift-conservation.org/>

Year completed:

2014

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