

Ecology response for H/22/93612 14 CONISTON GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 0LP

Single storey side extension and part garage conversion

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There are records of bats in the near area. The house has hanging tiles on the gable end which could shelter roosting bats, however the proposal would not involve the gable ends of the house. As a precaution, construction should only be done outside of active bat season (i.e. done between October and April).

In the unlikely event of any bats being found during demolition or construction, all work must stop immediately, and Natural England must be informed. Additional information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works>.

Biodiversity enhancement is required. The addition of a bird box or bat box on the gable end of the rear elevation or planting more flowering plants to attract pollinators would be appropriate. Night scented flowering plants to attract moths as food for bats can be found on the RHS plants for pollinators list.

Additional information is available at:

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/31>, planting for bats

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/buildings-planning-and-development/bat-boxes>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/>