

Ecology response for H/22/94032 8 BROOK ROAD, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7AY

Two storey side extension. New fenestration and alterations to fenestration

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There are records of bats near this site, and there are hanging tiles on the front elevation. The proposed extension does not appear to affect the main roof or the front elevation. Bats sometimes roost under hanging tiles. Please could you confirm whether any hanging tiles would be affected by this extension and alterations to fenestration?

Scaffolding must not be attached to areas near the hanging tiles, and precautions must be taken to avoid disturbance to this area.

Please could you add the following informative to the decision notice:

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 enhancements are required. This property may be suitable for a bat box and/or a swift nest box.

The Bat Conservation Trust recommends installing a bat brick/box at least 4 m above the ground, away from artificial light sources, sheltered from strong winds and exposed to the sun for part of the day, facing south, south-east or south-west. (<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/putting-up-your-box>)

Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.

(<https://www.swiftconservation.org/Nestboxes%26Attraction.htm>)

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.hampshireswifts.co.uk/nesting>

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

<https://www.swift-conservation.org/OurLeaflets.htm>

Surface water drainage

The current surface water drainage system can be used. The proposed extension would be on an area that is presently hard standing and not extend further into the garden than the current garage.

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