

Ecology response amended for H/22/93746 9 KINSBOURNE WAY, THORNHILL,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO19 6HB

Single storey rear extension. New pitched roof over existing attached side garage

Alex Stone

28/11/22

I have reviewed the photos. I don't see any potential bat roost features that would be affected by this proposal. There are gaps between the concrete bases of the fence. These would be suitable for hedgehogs and should be kept clear to allow them free passage through the gardens. Any additional fencing should have hedgehog holes installed.

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>.

The extension would not affect any potential hedgehog habitat, but if any hedgehogs are found they should not be handled but be allowed to move to a place of safety on their own.

Biodiversity enhancement will be required. A bat box or a swift nest box may be appropriate for this property. 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>

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/hedgehog-homes/>

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8/11/22

There are records of bats and hedgehogs in the area of this property. Please could you send some close-up photos of the areas of the house and garden that would be affected by this proposal?

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