

Ecology response amended for H/22/94043 39 NEW ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5DJ

Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and utility room (Resubmission of Application F/16/78862)

Claire Campbell-Best

23/11/22

I have reviewed the site visit photos. I don't see any potential bat roost features and no further survey will be needed.

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 can be conditioned.

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Ecologist

21/11/22

There are records of bats in the vicinity of this site and the proposal will involve works to the roof. Please could you send some close-up photos of the roof of the house, the roof of the garage, and the rear of the house to determine whether any further survey will be needed.

Biodiversity enhancements will be 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>

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