

Ecology response amended for F/22/94150 20 THE RIDINGS, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 8PR

Construction of an attached end-of-terrace 2.no bedroom dwelling with associated dropped kerb

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I have reviewed the photos. There are no potential bat roost features, and no further surveys are necessary. There is no potential hedgehog habitat in the area that would be affected by this proposal.

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>.

A precautionary working method for hedgehogs will be required. Any excavations or open pipes must either be covered at night or fitted with a small mammal escape ramp (rough slanted board) to avoid animals becoming trapped. Piles of materials that could provide shelter to hedgehogs must be avoided. Materials must be stored on pallets if required to be stored on site.

If hedgehogs are found, they should not be handled but be left to move away on their own to a place of shelter. *If a hedgehog is found during development and/or there are welfare concerns, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society can be contacted for advice and guidance on 01584 890 801.*

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There are records of bats and hedgehogs near this site. I would like to review photos of the building and the grounds to determine whether any further surveys would be necessary.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A built-in bat brick/box and a swift nest box might be appropriate enhancements.

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](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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