

Ecology response amended for H/22/94129 22 OAKWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 1LX

Raising the roof to provide first floor accommodation

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I have reviewed the Preliminary Bat Survey Report by 4Woods Ecology (December 2022). The building was assessed as having negligible bat roost potential with no access gaps. The biodiversity enhancements recommended in the report were two general bird boxes to be installed on mature trees at the front of the property. The ecologist recommends that: *The boxes should be positioned at around 2-3m high (avoiding any branches that may be used by cats to catch emerging birds), in a sheltered location to avoid overheating in the sun or prevailing wind direction.*

I have no further ecological concerns.

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This site is very close to records of bats and the proposal requires raising the roof. A preliminary bat roost assessment is required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. This property may be suitable for a bat box and/or a swift nest box. The preliminary bat roost assessment report should include specific enhancement recommendations.

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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