

Ecology response amended for H/22/94038 207 BODYCOATS ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 2JA

Demolition of existing rear extension and front porch. Single storey rear extension with internal alterations

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I have reviewed the site visit photos. There are a few tiles on both the front and rear of the house which are broken, but the rest of the house appears to be in good condition, and I don't see any other potential bat roost features on the house. The proposed elevations drawing notes that the existing hanging tiles are to remain.

As a precaution, I would recommend that the disturbance of any hanging tiles required to facilitate this proposal must be done outside the active bat season, (i.e. not between April and September), the tiles should be removed carefully by hand (lifting vertically) and that all workers be alert to signs of bats as explained on the Bat Conservation Trust website (<https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/do-i-have-bats>). If a bat is found, the tile must be replaced gently, work must stop immediately, and Natural England informed, with the contact information available on the website below. If the work must be done during the active bat season, it should be supervised by a bat-licensed ecologist to avoid any possibility of disturbing bats which might be roosting under the tiles.

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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There are records of bats near this site and the photo of the front of the house on Google maps show that it has hanging tiles which would be affected by works to the front porch. I would like to review close-up photos of any place on the house that would be affected by the proposals, particularly the hanging tiles, and the rear extension proposed to be demolished.

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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