

Ecology response amended for H/22/94332 3 SHERWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 5DF

Roof extension with two dormers at the front to accommodate first floor with associated two storey front and rear extensions and alteration to fenestration

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I have reviewed the recent photos of the house and garden. I don't think further survey will be required. A bat box, swift nest box and enhancement of the garden with flowering plants to attract pollinators will be suitable biodiversity enhancements. The websites supplied provide details on appropriate positions for the nest/roost boxes.

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>.

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There are several records of bats very close to this property and many more in the near vicinity. There is a large amount of vegetation in front of the house, so it is not visible from the street on Google maps. To determine whether a survey is necessary I need to review closeup photos taken in good light of the roof tiles, soffits, fascia, flashings around the chimney, and any areas of the house and garden that would be affected by the proposals.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a swift brick may be appropriate for this building.

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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