

Ecology response for H/22/94266 68 TELEGRAPH ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3EY

Loft conversion with 2no. dormers to facilitate additional two bedrooms. Single storey flat projection at ground floor. Rear extension with alterations. Alterations to fenestrations.

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There are records of bats and hedgehogs very close to this site and the proposal involves works to the roof and loft space. I cannot see all aspects of the roof from the photos in the DAS or on Google maps. Please could you send close-up photos of the entire roof, the soffits, fascia and flashings for review to determine whether further survey may be needed.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat box and a hedgehog home may be appropriate for this site and enhancing the garden with additional flowering plants to attract pollinators would also be helpful.

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))

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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