

Ecology response amended 19 1 23 for H 22 94177 209 WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2DX

Single storey side and rear extensions to form two-bedroom annex. New flat roof for the living room lean to.

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I have reviewed an additional site photo which shows that the replacement of the roof on the living room lean-to area is not very near to the new bat brick installed for application H/19/85941. The most pragmatic approach to this application is to minimise any noise and vibration of the wall containing the bat brick. A bat survey will not be required.

A toolbox talk by the consultant ecologist will be required to alert the builders and the applicant to the need to minimise noise and vibration of the wall and to their responsibilities to stop work if any bats are found using this roost. This can be done remotely and can be conditioned.

The boundary hedge has already been cut back, outside of bird nesting season, in preparation for the building work. It should be maintained in this condition and not allowed to grow out. This will ensure that it is not attractive to nesting birds until after the extension has been completed.

Please could you add the following informatives 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>.

The boundary hedge should be kept closely pruned so that it does not develop bird nesting potential. If evidence of an active bird's nest is found during construction, work must stop and a 5 m buffer must be erected around the nest to protect it from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

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