

Ecology response amended for H/22/94209 6 KINGSTON, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5GT

Two storey side extensions

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I have reviewed the photos provided, however they were taken from too far away to see the roof, soffits, fascia and flashings properly. I usually request that someone stand quite close to the house and look upwards and also zoom in on the roof tiles. Although I don't see any gaps in the loft lining, the photos of the interior of the loft do show some droppings and white urine stains that need to be checked by a bat licensed ecologist. A preliminary bat roost assessment will be required.

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There are records of bats close to this property and the proposal would involve works to the roof. I need to review close-up photos taken in good light of the areas of the house and roof that would be affected by the proposal.

Biodiversity enhancements are required. A bat brick and/or a swift brick might 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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