

Ecology response for H/22/94145 52 SPRING LANE, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6BA

Single storey side infill extension and new roof over existing and proposed rear extension
(Amended Plans)

Changed from Loft conversion with rear dormer, single storey side infill extension and new roof over existing and proposed rear extension

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The amended plans do not involve works to the hanging tiles on the rear dormer. A preliminary bat roost assessment will not be required for the amended application, however the roof lights on the proposed rear/side extension would allow light to shine up onto this area if they are not fitted with blinds that can be closed at night.

The applicant is advised that future works to the hanging tiles on the rear dormer, whether they require planning permission or not, are still subject to wildlife protection laws which protect bats and their resting places. The following resources may be helpful:

The Wildlife Trusts <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/uk-wildlife-law>

Bat Conservation Trust <https://www.bats.org.uk/>

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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This site is very close to records of bats and hedgehogs and the proposal would involve extensive works to the roof. A preliminary bat roost assessment is required. A brief letter report will be sufficient at this stage. The report should also include specific recommendations for biodiversity enhancements.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. This property may be suitable for a bat box and/or a swift nest box depending on space being available. This is difficult to determine from the plans.

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))

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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