

**H/22/94350 10 MERDON AVENUE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1EJ**

Garage conversion, first floor side extension over the existing garage space, addition of gable end to roof facing road and new porch

Thank you for consulting Ecology, my observations are as follows:

The property is located in a residential part of Chandler's Ford. There is relatively high tree cover in the surrounding area and some small areas of priority broad-leaved woodland. I have no records of protected species directly relevant to this location although there are records of bats from the general area.

The property is of a relatively recent design and construction which has negligible potential to support roosting bats. Given the very localised nature of the works they are unlikely to impact on bats or other protected species and are therefore not contrary to emerging Local Plan Policy DM11 (Nature Conservation).

I raise **no objection** on grounds of ecology. In the extremely unlikely event that a bat is found should permission be granted, works should stop immediately and Natural England informed: <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works>

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