

H/23/94569 65 ALLEN ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4EU

Two storey side and rear extensions

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

The property is located in a residential part of Hedge End. There is some broadleaved woodland located just to the north around the boundary of Wildern/Shamblehurst Primary School. I have a record of a bat roost just to the east of this property although the record itself is fairly old.

The proposals involve fairly significant work to the existing property which will impact the roof. However, the property itself is of a relatively recent design and build and the roof looks to be in good condition with close-fitting tiles. Bat roosting opportunities look to be limited.

On this basis the proposals as presented are not contrary to draft Local Plan Policy DM11 (Nature Conservation) and 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/bat-found-during-building-works>

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