

Ecology response for H/22/93684 27 NICHOL ROAD SO53 5AY

Proposed two storey and first floor front extensions, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension, elevational alterations (revised scheme)

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I have reviewed the elevation drawings and the Preliminary Roost Assessment Report by Hampshire Ecological Services (July 2022) which was prepared for the previous application H/22/93059.

For ecology, this proposal is very similar to the previous proposal, so my response is also the same:

The building was assessed to have negligible suitability for roosting bats, so no further surveys are necessary.

The following recommendations from the report can be conditioned:

Removing the hanging tiles carefully by hand is recommended as a precautionary measure. 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 lighting recommendations in the report are sound and should be implemented.

Vegetation should be removed outside of bird nesting season. If this is not possible it must be inspected by a suitably qualified ecologist immediately before removal and any active nests must be fenced off with a 5 m buffer zone to protect them from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

The recommendations for biodiversity enhancement in the report are sound and should be implemented. Built-in boxes/bricks are preferable to externally mounted because they do not require maintenance and cannot fall off.

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