

Ecology response amended for H/23/94615 LURGAN, PORTSMOUTH ROAD, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8ET

Single storey rear extension (Amended scheme)

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I have reviewed the site photos and do not see any potential bat roost features. There is a velux-type window in the loft. If there was a pond in the garden previously it is now a planting bed. No survey will be required.

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>.

A suitable biodiversity enhancement would be to add additional flowering plants or shrubs to the garden, especially night-scented flowering plants to attract moths as food for bats.

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21/2/23

There are several records of bats very near this property and the proposal involves works to the roof. Please could you send close-up photos taken in good light of the roof, soffits, fascia, flashing around the chimney to determine whether any surveys will be needed. I also need to see any garden areas that will be affected by the proposal. The aerial photos show what looks like either a pond or a planting bed in the lawn in the rear garden. If this is a pond, please provide close up photos and a description.

There appears to be a roof light in the rear elevation of the roof. Does this illuminate the entire loft space?

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and bird nesting boxes may 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>)

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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