

Ecology response for H/23/94644 DURNCOMB HOUSE, DODWELL LANE, BURSLEDON,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 1AB

Loft conversion and single storey side extension

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There are records of bats, badgers and hedgehogs very close to or possibly at this property. The biodiversity checklist has been filled out with *no* checked off in all of the boxes, however our mapping system shows that the house is 17 m from Durncomb's Copse SINC boundary to the north of the house and Catland/Fosters/Bottom Copses ancient woodland is shown 4.4 m to the west of the house. Durncomb's Copse SINC is designated 1B, other woodland where there is a significant element of ancient semi-natural woodland surviving. The local planning authority has a statutory responsibility to protect these protected species and irreplaceable habitats.

A preliminary ecological appraisal is required, to include an internal inspection of the loft, as well as a search for badger setts on the property and within the woodlands, to ensure that no bats or badgers will be harmed by this proposal.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. The most appropriate enhancements should be recommended in the ecological appraisal report.

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