

Ecology response amended for H/23/94664 116 PARK ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 1HY

First floor side extension

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I have reviewed two additional photos of the smaller dormer and chimney and was able to zoom in to see more detail. There are no visible missing, slipped or broken tiles, there are no signs of staining or any visible openings or crevices which would be potential bat roost features. A preliminary bat roost assessment will not be required.

Please could you add the following informative to the decision notice:

All bats and their roosts are protected by law in the UK. In the unlikely event of any bats or signs of bats being found during demolition or construction, all work must stop immediately, and Natural England must be called. 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 biodiversity enhancement plan can be conditioned.

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There are many records of bats of different species very close to this site and there are some areas of the roof particularly in the vicinity of the small dormer and chimney that cannot be seen properly from the site photos.

A preliminary bat roost assessment is required. Biodiversity enhancements are required. The bat roost assessment report should include recommendations for appropriate enhancements.

A bat brick and a swift brick 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>)

Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace

so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.

(<https://www.swiftconservation.org/Nestboxes%26Attraction.htm>)

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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