

Ecology response amended for H/23/94596 2 BRAMBLEGATE, BOTLEY ROAD, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7EY

Loft conversion with rear dormer. Single storey rear extension

Alex Stone

3/4/23

I have reviewed the photos of the rear of the house and do not see any bat potential roost features.

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 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>.

Swift and/or bat boxes can be added to the existing side gable ends of the house after construction has been completed. The garden can be enhanced with additional flowering and fruiting shrubs which would attract pollinators and provide food for wildlife.

Lisa Malter

Ecologist

20/2/23

There are multiple records of bats very near this site. The photos of the front of house on google maps do not show any potential bat roost features. Please could you send some closeup photos of the rear elevation, roof and the garden to determine whether a survey will be necessary.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat box and/or a swift nest box 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](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/>