

Ecology response 3 April 2023 for H/22/93735 2 SHARON ROAD, WEST END,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3AS

Replacement Dormers to provide additional Bedroom and new front Porch

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I have reviewed the updated Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment. The report states that if the application proposals change to only include the construction of a new porch, then no further surveys would be required. However, the potential bat roost features on the roof are of moderate bat roost suitability and any works to the roof will require two bat activity surveys done at least two weeks apart, during the active bat season between May and September with at least one during the peak period (May-August). It is my opinion that even works to the porch with dust, vibration and noise could disturb any bats that might be roosting in the roof and to avoid committing an offense under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, these features must be checked by dusk and dawn activity surveys.

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I have reviewed the Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment Report by Phillips Ecology (December 2022). The building has been assessed as having moderate bat roost suitability and requires two further bat surveys (emergence and re-entry). These can only be done during the active bat season between May and September with at least one during the peak period (May-August). The presence of protected species is a material consideration and must be established before the application can be determined.

Lighting recommendations, precautionary measures for breeding birds, and biodiversity enhancements have been recommended in the report and are appropriate. Enhancements include two bat boxes and two bird nest boxes. Mitigation for loss of bat roost opportunities will need to be determined after the two bat surveys. If bats are found to be present, a third survey within the same survey season will be required for a protected species mitigation license application.

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