

Ecology response for H/23/94738 10 DRUMMOND WAY, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1TX

Roof alterations and extensions to create first floor living accommodation with 2no. front dormer windows, front porch, garage conversion and elevational alterations.

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There are records of bats and hedgehogs nearby.

I have reviewed the Phase 1 Bat Survey report by Vesper Conservation and Ecology Limited. The report is slightly confusing as the summary states that the building was assessed to have low bat roost potential (which normally requires 1 survey), the text of the report states that there is negligible bat roost potential (garage in section 2.11 and house in 2.17) in February 2023. The photos and text confirm negligible potential, so I can assume that the summary contains an error.

The summary also states that one phase 2 bat activity survey was conducted during the 2022 season, before the February 2023 phase 1 survey, but this may also be an error.

I am satisfied that the bat roost potential is negligible, and no further surveys 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 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>.

The recommendation of one built-in bat box is appropriate as a biodiversity enhancement. 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))

The addition of night-flowering scented plants to the garden such as night scented stock and honeysuckle will attract moths as food for bats and would also be a good enhancement.

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