

Ecology response for H/23/94848 24 GRANGE ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2FB

Retention of partly reinstate boundary wall, add an additional return wall and roof to create carport. Carry out works to driveway, grading surface and the entrance. Installing permeable paving/stone the driveway. Installation of gates (Part Retrospective)

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There are records of hedgehogs near this site. A precautionary working method for hedgehogs would have been required, however it appears that the hedge has already been removed. It is not clear which other work has already been done and which is still proposed. The photo of the house on Google Maps shows that the carport is quite large. An opening for hedgehogs (13 x 13 cm) in the baseboards of the boundary fencing is required if gates are to be permitted across the driveway.

The ground appears to be either very compacted, or already covered in hardstanding. A drainage engineer must determine whether a soakaway or permeable paving will be feasible in this situation and whether surface water would drain into the ground due to these conditions.

Any soakaway must be located at least 5 m from any structure including fencing.

Removal of the hedgerow represents a loss of biodiversity which is contrary to local plan policy DM11 and national planning policy which require biodiversity net gain, not loss. Mitigation for loss of the hedgerow and biodiversity enhancements are required.

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