

Ecology response amended for H/23/94676 42 HEATHLANDS ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GW

Loft conversion with dormer, garage alteration and single storey rear extension

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I have reviewed the site photos and don't see any potential bat 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>.

A precautionary working method for hedgehogs, common toads, and slow worms is required and can be conditioned. This will include hand removal of any features likely to provide shelter for these species, covering excavations and open pipes at night and providing small animal escape ramps from excavations that cannot be covered. Any hedgehogs, toads or slow worms found on site must not be picked up or handled but be allowed to move to a place of safety on their own.

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16/3/23

There are several records of bats very close to this site with additional records in the wider area. There are also records of hedgehogs, common toads, and slow worms in the area. I need to review close-up photos of any area that would be affected by the proposals to determine whether surveys may be required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. 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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