

Ecology response amended for H/23/94661 23 ROSEBERY CRESCENT, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4HX

Demolition of existing garage and erection of a side/rear extension and porch. Adaptation work

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I have reviewed the site photos. There are hanging tiles on the rear dormer in addition to those on the front dormer, but I don't see any gaps or loose tiles which could be used by roosting bats.

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 to protect hedgehogs should be conditioned. This must include covering excavations and pipes at night or providing a small mammal escape ramp.

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There are records of bats, hedgehogs and breeding swifts very close to this property. There are hanging tiles and boarding on the front dormer which might be attractive to roosting bats and the rear dormer may have similar features. To determine whether further survey may be required I need to review close-up photos of all areas of the house and garden which may be affected by the proposals.

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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