

Ecology response amended on 25 4 23 for H/23/94819 60 HUNT AVENUE, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5BE

Two storey side extensions. Single storey rear extension- amending plans to single storey side and rear extension.

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I have reviewed the site photos. Single storey extensions would not involve works to the roof and there are no potential bat roost features that would be affected below the roof.

Vegetation clearance or clearance of any structure that could support nesting birds would need to be done outside of nesting season which is between March and August inclusive. If this is not possible then a pre-works check by a suitably qualified ecologist would be required. If any active nests are found all work must stop and the nest be protected by a 5 m buffer until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

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There are records of bats very near this site and the proposal involves extensive work to the roof. To determine whether any surveys will be necessary I need to review close-up photos of all elevations of the roof, soffits, fascia, flashing, and any areas of the garden and outbuildings that would be affected by the proposals.

Biodiversity enhancements are 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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