

Ecology response for F/23/94990 67-71 HIGH STREET, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3DS

Extension to internal showroom area underneath part of existing roof over covered area.

New Kia signage to replace existing as instructed by Kia motor company.

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There are records of bat roosts near this site and one bat was found within 50 m. The DAS by LMD Designs states that the proposal consists of the addition of glazed wall, however the plans show that the showroom space will be extended, so this will also require removal of some of the existing walls and construction of new walls. My concern is that if any bats are roosting in the roof they might be disturbed by this work.

No information has been provided about the signage, however the old signage on the building may have potential for roosting bats in the areas behind it.

A preliminary ecological appraisal will be required to determine whether the building has any potential for roosting bats.

Biodiversity enhancements are required and should be recommended in the preliminary ecological appraisal report.

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