

Additional ecology response for F/23/94675 1 SOVEREIGN DRIVE, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2SR

Erection of 3-bedroom, two-storey detached dwelling

Summer Sharpe

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I have reviewed the Extended Phase 1 Ecological Assessment by Phillips Ecology (May 2023). The garage was assessed as having negligible bat roost suitability and no further surveys are required. A species poor hedgerow is also proposed to be removed to accommodate this proposal.

The existing records of bats, common toads, badgers and hedgehogs identified near this site are available from HBIC (not needed for this application and only available at extra cost to the client) and were not all shown on the MAGIC map used by Phillips Ecology. The site has been assessed as having high suitability for nesting birds.

Precautionary working methods have been recommended to mitigate any potential impact on hedgehogs, badgers, toads and nesting birds. Two swift boxes and two open fronted nest boxes were recommended as mitigation for lost nesting opportunities.

The biodiversity enhancements recommended were one bat box and two invertebrate bricks.

Built-in boxes (bat or swift bricks) are recommended over externally mounted boxes as they do not require maintenance and cannot fall off.

I have reviewed the amended plans which show the proposed garden area listed as 78m², and the parking area to the side of the house.

Surface water drainage information has still not been provided and is required.

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