

Ecology response for H/23/95227 10 DRUMMOND WAY, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 1TX

Roof alterations and extensions to create first floor living accommodation with 2no. front and rear dormer windows, front porch and garage conversion (Resubmission H/23/94738)

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There are records of bats and hedgehogs nearby.

I am satisfied that the bat roost potential is negligible (as assessed by Vesper Conservation and Ecology for the previous application in February 2023), and no further surveys will be required.

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>.

The recommendation of one built-in bat box is appropriate as a biodiversity enhancement. A swift brick/nest box could also be added on the eastern or western elevation.

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>)

The addition of night-flowering scented plants to the garden such as night scented stock and honeysuckle will attract moths as food for bats and would also be a good enhancement.

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>)

What are the current surface water drainage plans? If there is a soakaway it must be at least 5 m from any built structure. The distance between the extension and any existing soakaway must be checked.

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