

Ecology response for H/23/94940 12 COMMON CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 1HF

Demolition of porch and erection of infill extension to front elevation

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There are numerous records of bats very close to this site and the proposals involve works to the roof. The site visit photos show that some work has already been started, windows have been replaced and there is no vegetation remaining in the front garden. Photos on Google Maps show some vegetation was there previously.

A preliminary bat roost assessment is required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick may be appropriate for this building and the ecologist who does the bat roost assessment should make recommendations about the most appropriate enhancements.

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](https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/putting-up-your-box))

Additional information on biodiversity enhancements is available at:

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/in-your-garden/article/31>, planting for bats

<https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/WAG16%20Bats%20updated%202022%20WEB.pdf> - Stars of the Night guide to attract bats into your garden

<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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