

Ecology response for DC/23/95433 LAND AT NIGHTINGALE AVENUE, EASTLEIGH,

Discharge of Condition 15 (Ecology) of planning permission F/23/95177 for the construction of 2 No. one bedroom and 2 No. two bedroom apartments in a two-storey block, with ancillary amenity space, landscaping, parking, bin and cycle storage

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I have reviewed the Ecological Enhancement Plan by AEWEC (April 2023). No further details have been provided since that report.

Condition 10, external lighting details must be reviewed in conjunction with this condition as ecological enhancement features such as bat boxes and vegetation/boxes for nesting birds will be affected by lighting.

Condition 10 states *The scheme shall include lighting on the northern elevation to provide a safe access to the site after dark.* The integrated bat box is proposed on the south side of the building, so it would be in a dark area unless there is light spill from any exterior lighting in the adjacent properties (13 and 15 Falcon Square). This should be checked before installing the bat box.

The integrated swift nest box is proposed in the north-eastern corner of the building. Lighting in this area should be shielded so that it does not illuminate the swift nest box.

The integrated sparrow terrace is proposed in a dark area on the western elevation.

I don't see many flowering plants shown in the Enhancements Plan, however the plant list in the outline planting schedule, ornamental planting areas in the Landscape Proposals Plan (submitted for F/23/95177) would be acceptable. A range of flowering plants (including scented night flowering plants) which flower over a long season are needed to attract pollinating insects including moths, as food for bats.

I am not able to recommend discharge of condition 15 until the lighting plan in condition 10 has been submitted and accepted.

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