

Ecology response for F/23/94966 QUEEN ELIZABETH II SILVER JUBILEE ACTIVITIES CENTRE,
MANOR FARM COUNTRY PARK, PYLANDS LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 1BH

Erection of 1no. single storey craft studio/workshop building following removal of existing stable block.

Summer Sharpe

13/7/23

There are records of bats and slow worms near this site, with the potential for nesting birds either in the stable block or nearby.

Photos of the building in its surroundings are required to determine whether an ecological assessment will be needed.

Surface water drainage information is required in accord with DM 6.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat box and a swift nest box may be appropriate for this building.

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>)

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>)

Additional information 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.

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