

Ecology response for H/23/95072 1 OAKWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 1LW

Replace existing external boundary wall with fence on both sides (Oakwood Road and
Hiltingbury Road), dropped kerb, erect driveway gate and pedestrian gate (Amended
H/22/93248)

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There are records of hedgehogs, bats and stag beetles near this site. Site photos show there
are trees and possibly shrubs which be suitable habitat for nesting birds, bats and
invertebrates such as stag beetles.

The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended
(section 1), it is an offence to remove, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that
nest is in use or being built. Trees and scrub are likely to contain nesting birds between 1st
March and 31st August inclusive.

If evidence of an active bird's nest is found during construction, a 5 m buffer must be erected
around the nest to protect it from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the
nest.

Any closed board fencing must have hedgehog openings (13 x 13 cm minimum) in the
baseboards to allow free passage of small mammals through the gardens.

During construction any excavations or open pipes must be covered at night or fitted with a
small mammal escape ramp (a rough board slanted at a shallow angle) to prevent
hedgehogs from becoming trapped.

If hedgehogs are found, they should not be handled but be left to move away on their own
to a place of shelter. *If a hedgehog is found during development and/or there are welfare
concerns, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society can be contacted for advice and guidance
on 01584 890 801.*

Further information is available at:

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/developers-1.pdf>

Removal of potential habitat must not take place from November through March when
animals may be hibernating. No fires can be lit on site. Replacement habitat can include log
piles, leaf litter, dead wood and scrub. Hedgehog houses can also be made or purchased.

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/hedgehog-homes/>

Any stag beetles found during construction must not be harmed and must be left to move to
a place of safety on their own.

Biodiversity enhancement is required.

Additional information is available at:

<https://ptes.org/9-top-ways-to-help-stag-beetles-in-your-garden/>

<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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