

Ecology response amended for H/23/95652 14 HADRIANS CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2AS

Erection of single storey rear extension and patio, change of fenestration and internal alterations. Summer house under permitted development.

Claire Campbell-Best

7/9/23

I have reviewed the site photos. I don't see any potential bat roost feature in these photos. The hedgerow and shrubs might support nesting birds and hedgehogs.

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>.

Conditions:

Breeding bird season is generally between March and August inclusive. Vegetation removal and removal of the shed to facilitate construction must be done outside this time period or only within 24 hours after a nesting bird check by a suitably qualified ecologist. 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 hedgehogs found on site must be allowed to move away to a place of safety on their own. Excavations and open pipes must be covered or fitted with a small mammal escape ramp (roughened slanted board) at night.

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4/9/23

There are records of bats, swifts and hedgehogs near this site. The proposal would involve changes to the roof and garden, so close up photos are required of the entire roof, soffits, fascia and flashings and of the garden.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat box and additional planting for pollinators 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](https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/putting-up-your-box))

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

<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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