

Ecology response for F/23/95753 KYPE VIEW, 5 ALLINGTON LANE, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH,
SO50 7DA

Erection of [1.no](#) 3-bedroom bungalow with associated parking following the demolition of
existing garages and severing of land

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I have reviewed the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report by KJF Consultancy (August 2023). If this proposal were approved this would create three dwellings without adequate storage space other than very small bike stores. I would anticipate that future residents could want additional storage space which would decrease the amount of amenity space for each garden.

There are records of bats, stag beetles, and hedgehogs near this site. Although no bird nests were reported present at the time of the survey, the trees and shrubs on site could support nesting birds. The timber sheds and garages appear to have potential to support nesting birds in the future and will need to be checked prior to the start of works if they are still in place during the bird nesting season (March through August inclusive). If evidence of an active bird's nest is found before or 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. The report claims to be valid for three years, however this is not realistic, as birds could nest in this vegetation at any time during the nesting season of any year.

Biodiversity enhancements recommended include a bat brick, a swift brick, a hedgehog nest box and 2 bee bricks. Planting 48 m of mixed native hedge is proposed to provide enhancement. This would be mitigation for loss of trees and shrubs due to this proposal rather than enhancement.

Any closed board fencing must have at least 2 hedgehog openings (13 x 13 cm minimum) to allow free passage of hedgehogs through the gardens.

A surface water drainage plan and a landscaping plan are required. If soakaways are being proposed the applicant must show that they could be located 5 m from any built structure.

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