

Ecology response for F/23/95680 105-111 WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLERS FORD, SO53 2GH

External alterations to first floor to include installation of new windows.

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There are records of bats and nesting swifts very close to this site.

I have reviewed the Ecological Appraisal report by Rachel Hacking Ecology (no date).

The report states that there is limited potential for nesting birds and a mature yew tree that needs to be protected during construction.

Work must be done between September and February to avoid the bird nesting season. If this is not possible then it can only be done immediately after a breeding bird check by a suitably qualified ecologist. If any active bird nests are found in the building or the yew tree they must be protected from disturbance by a 5 m buffer until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

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>.

Biodiversity enhancements are required in line with local and national guidance. A bat brick /box and a swift brick/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> )

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