

Ecology response amended for H/23/95896 11 NEW ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5DJ

Demolition of existing garage to create single storey rear extension and outbuilding

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I have reviewed the photos and do not see any obvious potential bat roost features.

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>.

The bird nest box on the outbuilding must be removed only outside of bird nesting season, (not between March and August). If there is an active birds nest in the box it must not be disturbed until after the young have fledged and left the nest.

A precautionary working method for hedgehogs and stag beetles will be required.

Any excavations or open pipes will need to be covered at night or provided with a small animal escape ramp to allow animals such as hedgehogs or stag beetles to escape if they fall in. If hedgehogs or stag beetles are found on site, they must be allowed to move away to safety on their own. If any hedgehogs appear to be in distress, a hedgehog rescue worker should be contacted. Information is available on the website of the British Hedgehog Preservation society at <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/found-a-hedgehog/>.

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There are records of bats, stag beetles, hedgehogs and nesting swifts very close to this site. It is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts. Close up photos of the garage (all angles and interior if possible) and the existing rear elevation of the house are required to determine whether a survey will be required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a swift brick 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))

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

<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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