

Ecology response for H/23/95841 CHESTNUT VIEW, 6 GRANGE FARM, GRANGE ROAD,
NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FFE

Single storey detached garage (Re-submission of H/23/95021)

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The information in the planning statement clarifies some of the ecological concerns from the previous application H/23/95021.

The site is in an amber great crested newt impact risk zone. It is less than 100 m from the nearest pond, with additional ponds within 400 m from the site and West Wood Grange Field SINC is adjacent to the property on the northeastern boundary. The proposed garage would be on the southwestern boundary along the driveway, so it is not within the SINC buffer zone. No trees or bushes will be removed for this proposal. I don't see any potential habitat for terrestrial great crested newts (in the site photos) which would be affected by this proposal, but a precautionary working method statement will be required to ensure that no animals are harmed during the construction process.

Since this application is for a stand-alone new building, the construction will not affect any features of the main building.

The planning statement reports that bat boxes and swift boxes have been added to the new design and these will be appropriate biodiversity enhancements however I don't see their locations shown on a plan. New exterior lighting should be avoided, but if necessary for security purposes, then the latest updated lighting guidance note (GN08/23) should be followed. This is available at [Guidance Note 8 Bats and Artificial Lighting | Institution of Lighting Professionals \(theilp.org.uk\)](https://theilp.org.uk/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/) and not be allowed to shine on the areas which include the bat and swift boxes.

A surface water drainage plan is required.

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