

Ecology response for H/23/95171 WALTON, PRIORS HILL LANE, BURSLEDON,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8FG

New car port

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This site is in a red impact risk zone for great crested newts, and there are records of bats, stag beetles, and hedgehogs nearby. It is not clear from aerial photos what vegetation would be disturbed by building this proposed car port or whether it would affect any potential features for bats or nesting birds. To determine whether any surveys are required I need to review photos of the areas of the house and garden/driveway which would be impacted by the proposal.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat 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](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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