

Additional Ecology response for H/23/95934 34 WHALESMEAD ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE,
EASTLEIGH, SO50 8HH

Single storey rear extension, raised decking in rear garden and alteration to existing
fenestration

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I have reviewed the site photos and do not see any potential bat roost features so no further
survey will be required. The proposed distance of 32 m between the decking and the
woodland edge is acceptable.

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](https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works).

The information requested in the previous response can be conditioned.

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The existing building is approximately 50 m from the edge of the woodland and 70 m from
the edge of the watercourse. There are records of common toads, bats, swifts, hedgehogs,
and stag beetles near this site. It is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts.

I need to review close-up photos of the existing elevations, the existing windows and the
roof, soffits, fascia, and flashings and of the garden to determine whether a preliminary
ecological appraisal is required. What is the actual distance between the end of the proposed
decking and the woodland edge?

A surface water drainage plan will be required.

A precautionary working method to protect the species listed above will be required. This
can be conditioned in a CEMP.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick/box, bird nest box, hedgehog home,
stag beetle habitat and/or planting for pollinators may be appropriate for this application.

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.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/>

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/hedgehog-homes/>

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