

Ecology response for F/22/94200 23 OATLANDS ROAD, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO32 2DE

Construction of detached three-bedroom dwelling with parking, amenity space and creation of new access revision to application F/22/93238

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My ecology response for this application is the same as for F/22/93238. The DAS states that an existing outbuilding would need to be demolished to enable this proposal. I would like to review photos of the outbuilding (not provided for previous application) and the garden to determine whether any protected species surveys will be required.

The biodiversity enhancement recommendations (bird and bat boxes, green roof, and flowering shrubs and plants to attract pollinators) are acceptable and must be shown on the landscaping plan. Night scented flowering plants will help to attract moths as food for bats, which have been recorded in the vicinity. The DAS states that hedgehog underpasses (i.e. 13x13cm holes at the base of garden fencing) will be provided.

Exterior lighting should be avoided, but if necessary, lighting must be shielded, focussed downwards and away from any vegetation, and only turn on when needed (on a motion sensitive timer).

What is the current surface water drainage for 23 Oatlands Road? Soakaways and permeable pavement are proposed for this property. If there are soakaways at number 23, then soakaways are likely to be suitable. If there are no soakaways currently on the site, then an infiltration test will be required. Soakaways must be located 5 m from any building and should be shown on the plan.

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