

Additional Ecology response 30 10 23 for F/23/96143 CAPSTAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET,
HAMBLE-LE-RICE

Installation of a walk-in- freezer to North-West corner of site (Retrospective) with associated pergola.

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Covering the freezer with a pergola with a sedum roof and planted trellis sides will provide both biodiversity enhancement and aesthetic benefits. If well-maintained it can provide a good example to other members of the community in this area where many buildings have very limited garden space. I support this change and would encourage the applicants to select a combination of flowering plants to create as long a flowering season as is possible. The RHS has lists of plants that attract pollinators available at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

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I have reviewed the two sets of photos and can see that there is some vegetation remaining in the area where the freezer is installed on a wooden platform surrounded by gravel over soil or landscape fabric. This area can be enhanced with additional flowering plants to attract pollinators, possibly climbing plants such as honeysuckle. The area should not be "tidied" but left a bit wild so that it can provide habitat for invertebrates.

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I have reviewed the planning statement and the photos submitted, but the photos do not show the freezer in context. Google maps only shows the front of the building. I can see what looks like a seating area at the rear and a small seating area at the front of the building. More information and photos are required. Is there any vegetation at the rear of the building which would be affected by the position of the freezer, or the heat generated by the freezer? Is it possible to build a structure with a green roof over the freezer or a pergola with climbing plants as a biodiversity enhancement?

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