

Ecology response for F/23/96292 Land at 3 Oakdene, Windmill Lane, Southampton, SO31 8BE

Change of use of land at the end of Windmill Lane to site 1 additional mobile home with erection of 3m high barrier fence along part of northeastern boundary, and replacement amenity building at 3 Oakdene.

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The site photos show that the area is already paved and there is no vegetation on site. The photo of the existing amenity building does not show any visible potential bat roost features, however 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>.

Information about existing and proposed surface water drainage is required.

Biodiversity net gain will be required. The amenity building may be suitable for a bat box and a bird box on each of the gable ends.

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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