

H/23/96399 12 WHALESMEAD ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 8HH

Single storey rear extension, loft conversion with alterations to fenestration and raised patio area

Thank you for consulting Ecology, my observations are as follows:

The property is located northeast of West Horton Farm Woods Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). However, given the distance and confined nature of the proposed works the SINC will not be impacted by the proposals. I have no record of protected species relevant to this application.

The property itself is a relatively modern bungalow with an intact roof with close fitting tiles. It has limited potential to support protected species. The proposed raised patio area looks like it may require the removal of some vegetation which should be undertaken sensitively.

The proposals as presented are not contrary to draft Local Plan Policy DM11 (Nature Conservation) and I raise **no objection** on grounds of ecology. In the extremely unlikely event that a bat is found should permission be granted, works should stop immediately and Natural England informed:

<https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/bat-found-during-building-works>.

In addition, any vegetation clearance required should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season (March to September inclusive). If this is not possible the vegetation should be checked by a suitably qualified ecologist immediately prior to its removal.

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