

Ecology response amended for H/23/96151 3 THE PADDOCK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4SD

Two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension, infill single storey front extension and alterations to fenestration.

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I have reviewed the additional photos and no further survey will be required. Precautionary working methods for great crested newts, slow worms, toads, stag beetles, hedgehogs and bats will be required. No fires must be lit on site.

Any excavations and open pipes must be covered at night or fitted with a slanted rough board as a small animal escape ramp.

Any closed board fencing must contain at least two holes (15x 15 cm minimum) in the baseboards to allow free passage of small mammals. It is not likely that protected species will be affected by these proposals but if any protected species are found on site they should not be handled and Natural England should be consulted for advice. Other animals should be allowed to move away to a place of safety on their own.

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>.

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This site is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts, and there are records of slow worms and common toads, bats, stag beetles, hedgehogs, nesting swifts and water voles nearby. The water voles are not likely to cross Tywford Road but there are numerous records of water voles along the river which is less than 150 m from the site. Allbrook Copse SINC, designated for ancient woodland is approximately 65 m from the dwelling, also across Tywford Road.

Photos of the house available on Google Maps do not show any potential bat roost features on the front of the house. Additional photos of the house, garden and roof areas to determine whether a preliminary ecological appraisal will be required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a swift brick may be appropriate for this building.

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>)

Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.

(<https://www.swiftconservation.org/Nestboxes%26Attraction.htm> )

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.hampshireswifts.co.uk/nesting>

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

<https://www.swift-conservation.org/OurLeaflets.htm>

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

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