

Ecology response for F/23/96511 YELLOW DOT NURSERY, POMEROY CRESCENT, HEDGE
END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2LF

Installation of AC units externally and internally

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There are records of swifts, bats and hedgehogs in the vicinity of this site. It is in a red impact risk zone for great crested newts. Photos are required of the areas which will be impacted by the proposal to determine whether a survey would be needed.

Biodiversity enhancements are required. A bat box and/or a swift nest box 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>)

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