

Ecology response amended 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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20/12/23

I have reviewed the additional site photos and do not see any potential bat roost or nesting bird features. Surveys will not be required.

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>.

Bat and swift nest boxes would be appropriate biodiversity enhancements. They should be installed on the elevations and at the heights listed in the previous ecology response, and not near or above the proposed AC units or any exterior lighting.

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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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