

**H/23/96542 18 MAYPOLE VILLAS, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4LN**

**Two storey side and rear extension and alteration to existing fenestration.**

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

The property's rear curtilage abuts Lincolns Copse ancient woodland SINC. The proposed extension extends the property at the rear nearer to the ancient woodland boundary but it is still c.30m away in distance. On balance, extending an existing property in this location on this scale is unlikely to negatively impact the woodland above the current baseline.

The area in general is likely to be of raised interest to foraging and commuting bats and I have records of a number of species in the area. I have no records of bat roosts directly relevant to this application. There is a small amount of tie in with the existing roof from the current proposals but given the nature of the property and lack of roost records they are unlikely to impact protected species.

On this basis the proposals as presented are not contrary to 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>

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**Date 27/12/23**