

Ecology response 13 3 26 for H/25/100590 LABURNUM, BOTLEY ROAD, HORTON HEATH, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7DN

Raising of roof to create first floor accommodation, single storey rear extension, front porch, introduction of cladding to dwelling, new hard standing to drive, front gates and boundary wall.

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I have reviewed the Bat Scoping and Ecological Appraisal report by Libby Morris (March 2026) and additional site photos.

The enhancements listed in the amended Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy (sent by email on 12 March 2026) are now in appropriate locations: a built- in bat box will be installed on the south-eastern corner under the eaves and a built-in swift nest box will be located at the apex of the gable on the eastern elevation. This document must be added to the file.

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 informed. 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>.

The photos of the front garden show some trees and shrubs which may be affected by removing the fence and building a boundary wall with a gate. Several appear to be dead. The tree officer must be consulted. A landscaping plan for the front garden must be submitted. This can be conditioned. It should include a variety of the flowering plants recommended in the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy to provide a long flowering season and attract pollinators as food for bats and birds.

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