

Ecology response for DC/26/101073 48, 50 and 52 Grange Road, Netley Abbey, SO31 5FE

Discharge of Condition 6 (Ecological Enhancement and Landscape Management Plan) of planning permission H/25/100267 for a Proposed vehicular access from Grange Road for existing dwellings 48, 50 and 52 Grange Road together with gates and piers.

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I have reviewed the Landscape Layout Plan and Biodiversity Net Improvement Plan.

The addition of additional hedging and 3 bat boxes, 3 swift nest boxes, 9 bird boxes and 4 bug/amphibian hotels is appropriate and must be implemented. A pond (8) is listed on the Landscape Layout Plan but not on the Biodiversity Net Improvement Plan.

The maintenance schedules are appropriate. The pond should be maintained as a wildlife pond. Further information is available at [Wildlife Ponds: How to Make Them | RHS Advice](#).

The locations of bat boxes and swift nest boxes and other bird boxes on the house elevations must be clarified. The bat boxes should be on the southern elevations where they get full sun, but swift nest boxes and other bird boxes should be on shadier elevations, so the young birds do not overheat in the box.

Additional information:

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/>

[www.bats.org.uk/resources/guidance-for-professionals/landscape-and-urban-design-for-bats-and-biodiversity](http://www.bats.org.uk/resources/guidance-for-professionals/landscape-and-urban-design-for-bats-and-biodiversity)

<https://ptes.org/my-garden/>

<https://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/foodplants.php>

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