

Ecology response for H/26/101070 34 CHURCH ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6BJ

Replacement of wooden windows and front door.

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There are numerous records of bats in this area. Close-up photos of each of the windows and the door and the areas around these features are required to determine whether there are any crevices that could be used by roosting bats.

I have reviewed the photos of the house on Google maps. This proposal will not affect the roof, but the roof does have numerous slipped and lifted tiles which are potential roost features for bats.

The applicant must be advised of the following information with respect to any works to the roof:

A bat survey will be required if the roof is to be repaired or replaced, whether or not it requires planning permission.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 as amended) is the primary legislation that protects wild animals, plants, and habitats in the UK. It lists the species which are protected by law along with their resting places and the non-native invasive species which must not be allowed to spread into the wild. If you suspect that protected or invasive species may be affected by your development, it is your responsibility to get an ecology survey and implement the recommended mitigation measures.

The following resources may be helpful

The Wildlife Trusts <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/uk-wildlife-law>

Bat Conservation Trust <https://www.bats.org.uk/>

CIEEM <https://cieem.net/i-need/finding-a-consultant/>

Crown Prosecution Service *Wildlife Offences* available at: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/wildlife-offences>

Biodiversity enhancements will be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF (December 2024) paragraphs 187d and 192 b. A bat box and 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](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

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

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

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