

Ecology response for H/26/101359 2 WALLINGTON DRIVE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 1TR

Replacement of existing rear boundary fence adjacent to North Millers Dale with a 2 metre
high timber close-boarded fence incorporating concrete posts and gravel boards

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There are records of hedgehogs near this site. The proposal would eliminate the
opportunities for hedgehogs to move freely through the garden.

Hedgehog holes (13 x 13 cm minimum) must be included in the baseboards of any closed
board fences to allow the free passage of small mammals through the garden.

If hedgehogs are using the site they would be sheltering under dense vegetation or within
long grass, dead leaves or piles of dead wood. It is not clear from the application whether
hedgehog habitat is proposed to be removed to install the fence.

Removal of potential habitat must not take place from November through March when
animals may be hibernating. Replacement habitat can include log piles, leaf litter, dead wood
and scrub. Hedgehog houses can also be made or purchased.

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/hedgehog-homes/>

Any excavations or open pipes will need to be covered at night or provided with a small
mammal escape ramp to allow animals such as hedgehogs to escape if they fall in. If
hedgehogs are found on site, they must be allowed to move away to safety. If any
hedgehogs appear to be in distress, a hedgehog rescue worker should be contacted.

Information is available on the website of the British Hedgehog Preservation society at
<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/found-a-hedgehog/>.

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