

Ecology response for F/26/101622 UNIT 4, MAYFLOWER CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 4AR

Façade alterations comprising replacement windows and new rendered finish to the south-west & south-east elevations and a new entrance canopy to the south-west elevation

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There are records of bats and nesting swifts near this site.

I have reviewed the photos of the front of the site that are available on Google maps and in the DAS. I don't see any features that would provide potential habitat for bats or nesting birds. The grey metal cladding is not proposed to be replaced.

Statement 17 in the DAS states that biodiversity net gain is not applicable to this development, however some ecological enhancements are 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://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>

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