

Ecology response 17 7 26 for H/25/99840 27 HOCOMBE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD,
EASTLEIGH, SO53 5SN

Roof enlargement to facilitate loft conversion including rear dormer window, removal of one chimney stack and installation of 1no. first floor window on northern side elevation.

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I have reviewed the Bat Emergence Survey Report by Wessex Ecology (July 2026). Bat droppings were found in the loft space and Brown long eared and Pipistrelle bats were recorded emerging from the house at three different places during the third emergence survey.

A European Protected Species Licence (EPSL) from Natural England will be required. This can only be applied for after planning permission has been granted. The mitigation recommended in the report will be included in the application for the EPSL.

Section 6.4 Habitat enhancements includes a bat loft in the roof void of the detached garage and an Ibstock bat brick built into the house. These are compensation for the loss of the existing roost features which would be lost to the loft conversion rather than enhancements. Photographic evidence of the installation of these features can be conditioned.

The additional enhancements recommended in the report are a hedgehog house and an insect block. It is important to provide foraging resources for bats on site, so planting more flowering plants to attract insects would be a significant enhancement for this site.

Further 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>

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