

Ecology response for H/26/101905 150 PARK ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1HS

Retention of boundary fence (retrospective)

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There are records of hedgehogs in this area.

Photos of the site available on Google maps show that previously there were hedges rather than a boundary fence at this corner. Removal of the hedges represents a loss of biodiversity. The site layout plan and elevations shows native species landscaping inside the fence, however this is not visible on the site photos or on the aerial photos of the site. I don't see any gaps in the closed board fence that could be used by hedgehogs, but had this been a non-retrospective application, we would have required gaps at the baseboard of the fence for hedgehogs to move through the garden.

At this point, the only option is to require biodiversity enhancements in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 to offset the loss of biodiversity.

The following resources may be helpful.

[Building a resilient garden for a changing climate / RHS Gardening](#)

<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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