

H/26/101811 3 THORNBURY HEIGHTS, THORNBURY WOOD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5DQ

Demolition of the existing side conservatory and chimney; erection of a first-floor extension over the existing lounge and entrance with associated roof alterations; conversion of the garage to a gym/store; and alterations to fenestration and external materials.

Ecology comments 8.9.26

I have no objection regarding the proposed works. Please see the following recommended condition and advisories to be placed on any permission granted.

Condition: Biodiversity enhancement:

The dwelling must include at least one biodiversity enhancement in accordance with the NPPF (Policy N2 paragraph 1) and the EBC Local Plan (Policy DM11 paragraph 1).

A suitable enhancement would be to integrate (build into the wall) a swift brick under the eaves on the north-west elevation of the new extension. Please see both of the following links for further information on how and where to do this on the building:

[Fitting Swift Nest Places](#)

[Leaflet 4 - Swift Nest Bricks - installation & suppliers-small.pdf](#)

Another suitable enhancement would be to integrate (build into the wall or roof) a bat box/brick on the south-east elevation of the new extension. Please see the following links for further information on how and where to do this on the building:

[Bat Boxes - Buildings, planning and development - Bat Conservation Trust](#)

[Partnership - ROOST - Bat Conservation Trust](#)

Advisory: Bats are legally protected. The Preliminary Roost Assessment did not find any evidence of bats or Potential Roost Features and therefore the likelihood of finding a bat during construction is low. However, should any roosting bat be found during the works, work must stop immediately and Natural England or a suitably qualified ecologist be contacted.

Advisory: Nesting birds are legally protected. Should any active birds' nest be found in the area of works, a minimum 5m undisturbed works exclusion zone must be established until the young have fledged.

Advisory: Hedgehogs are a priority species. During the works, all excavations must be covered or escape ramps installed over night or during periods of inactivity to prevent any fauna, such as hedgehogs, becoming trapped.

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