

Ecology response for H/26/102010 8 MARINERS CLOSE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4PD

Two storey rear and single storey side extension

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Photos, CEMP and biodiversity enhancements required.

This house is approximately 25m to the east of the Solent Maritime SAC, Solent and Southampton Water SPA, Mercury Marshes LNR, and Lee-on-the Solent to Itchen Estuary SSSI. The Solent Wader and Brent Goose core area site E13 is located 30 m to the south of the house.

There are records of bats and stag beetles nearby with nesting swifts in the wider area.

To determine whether any surveys will be required I need to **review close up photos taken in good light of all areas of the roof, fascia, soffits (standing next to building and looking upwards), flashings, hanging tiles, the elevations to be affected by the proposal and any potential gaps or openings.**

The proposed floor plan shows that the rear extension would be approximately 5 m further to the south and closer to the Solent Wader and Brent Goose core area. The eastern side is not proposed to extend past the existing footprint of the garage.

Construction activities have the potential to cause disturbance to the birds using this area.

A CEMP is required to reduce disturbance to Solent Waders and Brent Geese. This must include timing and screening of the works. The fence at the end of the garden may provide sufficient screening. **Photos are required** to confirm this.

Biodiversity enhancements will be 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>)

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:

[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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