

Ecology response for L/26/102099 SOUTH HOUSE, SCHOOL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4JD

Alterations to planning permissions ref. L/25/100611 and H/25/100617 (Internal reconfiguration and elevational alterations, including additional/amended doors and fenestrations. External alterations, including erection of 2m high boundary wall to southern boundary and to a reduced parking area) to include alterations to fenestrations, the replacement of 2no. rooflights with 2no. dormers, and installation of pergola in rear garden.

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I have reviewed the Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) by Dr Jonty Denton (September 2025) which was commissioned but not submitted with the previous applications L/25/100611 and H/25/100617 (Internal reconfiguration and elevational alterations, including additional/amended doors and fenestrations. External alterations, including erection of 2m high boundary wall to southern boundary and to a reduced parking area).

Due to the amended proposals which affect the roof, the PRA (now required) has been submitted with this application.

The building was assessed to have medium potential for roosting bats. The bat emergence survey report states that two emergence surveys were conducted in accord with best practice. No bats were seen emerging from the property, and no further surveys are recommended.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11.

A bat 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>)

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>

Please add the following informatives to the decision letter:

In the unlikely event of any bats being found during demolition or construction, all work must stop immediately, and Natural England must be called. Additional information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/imworking-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works>.

New exterior lighting should be avoided, but if necessary for security purposes, then the latest updated lighting guidance note (GN08/23) should be followed. This is available at Guidance Note 8 Bats and Artificial Lighting | Institution of Lighting Professionals (theilp.org.uk).

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