

Ecology response for F/26/102205 IMPERIAL CLUB, 7-9 MARKET STREET, EASTLEIGH, SO50 5RH

Installation of plant and extract equipment. Alterations to the fenestration.

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There are records of bats and nesting swifts very close to this site. The photo of the rear of the building shows a broken wooden panel over the window just below the existing ventilation louvre however this image is dated May 2018, so more recent photos are required of any areas which would be impacted by this proposal.

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

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](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>)

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