

Ecology response 7 10 26 for F/26/101366 32 ALLBROOK HILL, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4LY

Retention of 1.8m high fencing at front and alterations to existing garage comprising single storey extension and raising roof.

Clare Martin

7/10/26

No objection subject to installation of a bat box on an appropriate elevation.

I have reviewed the site photos and additional information. I don't see any potential habitat for protected species.

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2/9/26

This site is in an amber impact risk zone for great crested newts. The River Itchen SSSI is located approximately 69m to the south of the site. Allbrook Hill Copse SINC (ancient woodland) is located approximately 78 m to the west and 60 m to the south.

There are records of bats, grass snakes and water voles nearby. Aerial photos of the site available on Google Maps show large trees in the area which may be affected by this proposal.

A Biodiversity Assessment Report has been provided dated 12 June 2026 with Richard John Bassil as the author. I can only find information that he works for Capital Home Developments and attended Southampton Solent University. If he has any ecological credentials, he has not listed them on the report. This report is not acceptable and does not provide sufficient evidence for its conclusions.

The site plan in Appendix A shows that the fence along the front site boundary is within the root protection zone of at least one tree.

Close up photos taken in good light are required of the interior and exterior of the existing garage building, all aspects of the roof and the area surrounding the garage.

The report states that biodiversity net gain does not apply as it is a householder application. This is a full application and although it is not required to provide 10% biodiversity net gain due to the size of the site (listed as 37 m² on the application form), 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.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/>

<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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