

Ecology response amended for DC/24/96673 MERCURY YACHT HARBOUR, SATCHELL LANE,
HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4HQ

Discharge of condition 2 (biodiversity enhancements) of planning permission F/23/95548 for the
siting of shipping containers for use as offices and storage in association with marina related
business and decking (Retrospective Application)

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The bird box has been changed to a wooden box with a protective ring around the opening.

Condition 2 can now be discharged.

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I have reviewed the Biodiversity Enhancements Note by Luken Beck (January 2024). I have some concerns about the long-term durability of the bird box chosen, due to the sea grass being vulnerable to decay, and could be pulled apart by predators such as gulls or rats. The sea grass would provide greater ventilation than a solid wood box, but a solid wood box would provide more protection for the young birds. I am satisfied that this condition can be discharged with the provision that this bird box must be replaced if it is starting to unravel or fall apart and is no longer able to protect young nestlings.

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