

Ecology response for F/24/96768 HSBC HOUSE, 12 MITCHELL WAY, EASTLEIGH, SO18 2XU

Refurbishment of office building to include construction of extension to ground floor entrance lobby, new roof extension and creation of roof terrace.

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The proposed green wall and green roof are good biodiversity enhancements. Planting plans can be conditioned. I am concerned that introducing food and potential nesting sites to the roof might attract birds such as gulls and crows which are not to be encouraged near the airport. There are records of bats to the east of the airport along the River Itchen.

It may be possible to include some bird deterrent recordings or other features to discourage birds from scavenging food and nesting, however nesting birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act, so any active nests will need to be cordoned off with a 5 m buffer and protected from disturbance until the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

The noise levels on the roof terrace next to the airport may present hearing issues for visitors and staff spending time outdoors without ear defenders and may be an environmental health problem.

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