

Ecology response amended for H/24/96728 CHESTNUT VIEW, 6 GRANGE FARM, GRANGE ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FF

Detached single storey garage.

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I have reviewed the site photos and do not see any potential habitat for great crested newts. Although this site is a patch of grassland, it is isolated between the current car port, a brick wall and a tarmac entry road. The house has several areas of hanging tiles but they would not be affected by this proposal.

A precautionary working method for nesting birds, terrestrial great crested newts, notable invertebrates such as stag beetles and hedgehogs will be required and can be conditioned.

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There are records of bats very close to this site, which is also in an amber great crested newt impact risk zone. It is less than 100 m from the nearest pond, with additional ponds within 400 m from the site. West Wood Grange Field SINC is adjacent to the eastern boundary of the property, but this proposal would be located on the western edge of the property away from the SINC.

The aerial photo of the site available on Google maps shows that the area proposed for the garage contains vegetation. Close up photos of this area are required, so that the vegetation can be identified, and it can be determined whether it could provide habitat for bats, nesting birds, terrestrial great crested newts, notable invertebrates or hedgehogs.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a bird 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:

<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/>

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