

Ecology response for H/24/97130 1 DRAKE ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6EX

Retrospective Application. Alteration to roof at front (amendment to H/22/92665)

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The previous application H/22/92665 was for a wrap around side extension with a green roof. This application states that the sedum roof is not practical due to various factors. The sedum roof would have been a replacement for habitat lost due to the extension and a biodiversity enhancement.

There are records of slow worms, bats, and hedgehogs in this area.

An additional planting area in the garden would be a suitable substitute for the sedum roof. This would contain a range of flowering plants with long flowering times, varying sizes and provide some cover for nesting birds and hedgehogs. A hibernaculum for slow worms and a hedgehog house in the corner of the garden would provide biodiversity enhancements for this application in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180.

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.hampshireswifts.co.uk/nesting>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/nestboxes-for-small-birds/>

<https://www.swift-conservation.org/OurLeaflets.htm>

<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/>

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