

Ecology response for H/24/96783 11 DARTINGTON ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6NQ

Retrospective application for temporary storage container in front garden. Construction of attached single garage and outbuilding in rear garden.

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The elevation plans show the existing garage as part of the house. The proposed elevations and plans are for a free-standing rear workshop and an extension of the existing garage under the roof of the house and back along the length of the house with an additional flat roof. There would be a change in the roof line of the house to accommodate a larger height garage at the front, and the rear portion would attach to the side of the house along the south-eastern wall and be lower in height to avoid obscuring the windows. An existing storage container is proposed to be retained in the front garden.

There are records of bats, slow worms, hedgehogs, and stag beetles near this site, which is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts.

Close up photos, taken in good light are required to determine whether any surveys will be needed. The photos must include the roof, soffits, fascia, flashings, the interior roof and ceiling of the existing garage, the south-eastern side of the house, the area next to the house, and the front and rear gardens.

A precautionary working method to protect small animals during construction will also be required.

A surface water drainage proposal is required for the outbuilding in the rear of the garden. The garage extension can use the existing surface water drainage arrangements for the house as it is not adding very much additional roof area.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180. A bat box 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](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/>

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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