

Ecology response for H/24/96905 14 HADRIANS CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 2AS

Single storey front and rear extension, front porch, raised rear patio and alterations to
elevations and existing fenestration

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In comparing the proposed and existing roof plans, I can see that the roof would be
significantly affected by these proposals both at the front and rear of the house.

A preliminary bat roost appraisal was done by Arbtech on this house in September 2021 for
planning application H/21/90822. This application was permitted, however this work does
not appear to have been done.

The building was assessed to have low bat roost suitability (habitat value) due to missing
mortar and raised roof tiles on all roof elevations. As required, one emergence survey was
done on 6/9/21. Bats were recorded during the survey, but no bats were seen emerging from
the house.

The Design and Access statement for this application (February 2024) states that in a recent
application for the property the ecology consultation deemed that there were no potential
bat roost features. That is not exactly accurate. I reviewed photos of only the rear elevation
of the house for H/23/95652 as that application was for a single storey rear extension and
patio.

Photos of the front elevation have been supplied (today 16/4/24) for this application, and the
missing mortar and raised roof tiles noted in the 2021 Arbtech report are still visible, and
these are still potential bat roost features that could have been used since 2021 or could be
used this year.

To avoid the possibility of committing an offense under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, an
internal inspection of the loft and an update emergence survey will be required. The
ecological consultant must be provided with the 2021 Arbtech report. A full preliminary
appraisal report should not be necessary as we already have this information. An update
letter report will suffice.

The window frames, soffits and fascia look to be intact. In the garden there are some shrubs
which would be affected by the rear extension and patio. These must be checked for nesting
birds and hedgehogs before any vegetation is removed.

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There are records of bats, hedgehogs, and stag beetles near this site. Photos are required to
determine whether a preliminary ecological appraisal survey will be needed. Photos should

include close ups of all elevations of the roof, and any areas which will be impacted by these proposals, soffits, fascia, flashings and window frames, and the front and rear gardens.

A precautionary working method for hedgehogs and stag beetles will be required.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. A bat brick and a swift brick 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))

Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.

(<https://www.swiftconservation.org/Nestboxes%26Attraction.htm>)

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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