

Ecology response for H/24/97137 30 PINE CRESCENT, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1LL

Close board fencing enclosing garden area of plot (Retrospective Application)

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There are records of bats and hedgehogs in this area.

The photos provided in the planning statement show that there is little biodiversity remaining on site, with only amenity lawn and laurel hedging showing in the front and amenity lawn in the rear garden.

Had this fence been proposed before it was built, we would have required hedgehog holes in the baseboards (13 x 13 cm minimum), however, there is now no suitable habitat for hedgehogs in the rear garden.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180. Laurel hedging does not provide suitable biodiversity enhancement, it is a single species does not provide nectar, pollen, fruit and seeds over a long flowering period. A hedgerow with a greater diversity of native flowering plants, or even raised beds with a variety of flowering species would provide some enhancement.

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/>

<https://www.ukbutterflies.co.uk/foodplants.php>

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