

Ecology response amended 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.

Claire Campbell-Best

9/5/24

I have reviewed the site photos. I don't see any potential bat roost features or vegetation to support nesting birds. There appears to be a very small garden pond, but it is not suitable for great crested newts.

Please could you add the following informative to the decision notice:

In the unlikely event of any bats being found during demolition or construction, all work must stop immediately, and Natural England must be called. Additional information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-working-on-a-building-with-bats/ive-found-a-bat-during-works>

A precautionary working method can be conditioned and should include all building materials to be stored on hard standing or on pallets, any excavations must be covered at night or be fitted with a small animal escape ramp, and no fires can be lit on site. Any animals found on site should not be handled but be allowed to move away to a place of safety on their own.

Before removing the temporary storage container it will be necessary to check first that animals such as hedgehogs are not sheltering beneath it.

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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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