

Ecology response for H/24/97357 12 MEAD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2EZ

Replacement of gate with higher wooden fence with concrete pillars.

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This site is near the Monks Brook, a tributary of the River Itchen. The site is both in an amber and green impact risk zone for great crested newts, but the site plan shows that the red line area would be in the green zone. I don't think great crested newts would be affected by this proposal.

The amended plans show the new fence to run alongside the existing fence and the site photos show that the gate area has some shrubs which would be affected by the proposal and could provide habitat for nesting birds.

Vegetation affected by the proposal must be cleared outside of nesting bird season (which is usually March-August inclusive). If this is not possible, a suitably qualified ecologist must check for nesting birds no more than 24 hours before vegetation clearance.

If evidence of an active bird's nest is found during construction, a 5 m buffer must be erected around the nest to protect it from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required 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/>

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

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