

Ecology response for F/24/97432 BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE, CHESTNUT AVENUE,
EASTLEIGH, SO50 5ZA

Removal of the steel frame and corrugated metal canopies on the north, east and west elevations of the Hampshire Building and installation of white aluminium box guttering and downpipes.

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It is not likely that any protected species will be affected by this proposal, however there are nearby records of bats, slow worms, and hedgehogs.

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>

If hedgehogs or slow worms are found on site they must not be handled but be allowed to move to a place of safety on their own.

The site area is listed as 1060 sq m on the application form, however this applies to the whole building not the smaller areas of framing and canopy affected by this proposal.

The de minimus exemption from providing 10% Biodiversity Net Gain applies to this site, as the development is for external alterations to the elevation of the building.

There is a requirement to provide some biodiversity net gain in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180.

Bat boxes, swift nest boxes or a sparrow terrace can be installed elsewhere on the building to meet this requirement.

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>)

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>)

The following websites provide additional information:

<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>

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