

Ecology response for F/24/97565 111 Winchester Rd, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 2GH.

Change of use to Class F1(a) from Class E and the installation of [3.no](#) air conditioning units.

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There are records of nesting swifts very close to this site and bats nearby. A previous application, F/23/95680, contained photos of the first floor showing the inside of the roof. The Ecological Appraisal by Rachel Hacking Ecology (April 2023) submitted for that application demonstrated a limited potential for nesting birds and no potential bat roost features on this building.

The Ecology advice from the decision letter for F/23/95680 is also appropriate for this application:

- Work should be carried out between September and February to avoid bird nesting season. If this is not possible, then it can only be done immediately after a breeding bird check by a suitably qualified ecologist. If any active bird nests are found, they must be protected from disturbance by a 5m buffer until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.
- In the unlikely event of any bats being found during construction, all work must stop immediately, and Natural England must be called. Additional information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at: [I've found a bat during works - I'm working on a building with bats - Bat Conservation Trust](#)
- A swift nest box would provide appropriate biodiversity enhancement for the building.
- 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.

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