

Ecology response amended for H/23/96624 BERBICE, PAYNES LANE, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7GS

Demolition of garage, erection of a Single storey side extension.

Alex Stone

12/6/24

I have reviewed the site photos. I don't see any potential bat roost features on the house and the area which would be impacted by the proposals is mostly paved or gravel. The existing garage appears to be older than the rest of the house, and some work appears to have been done to the garage at the rear of the house. There are new doors at the rear of the garage and the front of the garage is boarded up.

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 any other animals are found during construction they should not be handled but be allowed to move to a place of safety on their own.

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31/5/24

This site is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts. There are records of bats and hedgehogs nearby with records of stag beetles and nesting swifts in the wider area.

Please provide current photos of the areas of the house, garage and garden which would be affected by the proposals to determine whether further surveys will be required. This will include any fascia, soffits, flashings, areas around the windows and doors, and all roof elevations.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180. A bat brick and a swift brick 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>)

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>)

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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