

Ecology response amended for H/24/98225 8 ROGERS CLOSE, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6EB

Single storey rear/side extension following the removal of existing garage and conservatory.

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I have reviewed the site photos which confirm that a survey will not be required. If any hedgehogs, slow worms or stag beetles are found during demolition or construction work should stop and they should not be handled but be gently encouraged to move to a place of safety.

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 informed. 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>.

Nesting birds are protected by law. Any vegetation which could shelter nesting birds and must be removed should be removed outside of bird nesting season (usually March through August). If this is not possible then it must be checked before removal and if there are any active nests, all work must stop, and a 5 m buffer placed to protect the nest from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

Biodiversity enhancements can be agreed before determination or conditioned.

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There are records of bats, hedgehogs, stag beetles and slow worms near this site. It is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts. The proposed extension would extend further into the garden than the existing footprint. To determine whether a survey is required I need to review close-up photos of the existing garage and areas of the roof and rear garden which would be impacted by this proposal.

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