

Ecology response for F/24/98493 132 NUTBEEM ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 5JT

Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a six bed house in multiple occupation (Class C4), to include construction of two storey side/rear extension and rear facing dormer.

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The ecology response is similar to the ecology response (25/10/24) from the previous application H/24/98092:

I have reviewed the amended Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment by Chase Ecological Consultancy (October 2024). The features of concern in the external stonework were checked and found not to be suitable for roosting bats. The gap in the party wall between the loft voids of the two attached houses was checked. No evidence of bats or droppings was found in either loft.

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>.

The recommendations in Appendix 4 protection and Appendix 5 Roost Creation are appropriate and shall be implemented. This includes a built-in bat brick as a biodiversity enhancement in the south facing elevation.

A landscape plan can be conditioned and should include flowering plants to attract pollinators.

Additional information on biodiversity enhancements 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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