

Ecology response for F/25/98720 5 SPARROW SQUARE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 9LB

Construction of 1no. 2-bedroom bungalow with parking and access from Robin Square

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This site is in an amber impact risk zone for great crested newts. There are records of bats, swifts, common reptiles, toads and hedgehogs nearby.

The aerial photo of the site available on Google maps shows that there are three existing structures on site. To determine whether any surveys are required I need to review photos of these structures and any area of the garden which could be impacted by the proposal.

The site area is 0.07 ha. The applicant is claiming the self-build and custom build exemption from the requirement of 10% biodiversity net gain. Biodiversity enhancements are still required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF (December 2024) paragraphs 187d and 192 b.

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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