

Ecology response for H/25/98774 41 BOWERS DRIVE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8LZ

Garage conversion and single storey rear extension with alterations to fenestration and replacement of boundary wall.

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This site is in an amber impact risk zone for great crested newts. There are records of bats, nesting swifts and hedgehogs in the area.

Aerial photos of the site show that this is a new build property with an integrated garage and an already small garden which would be made even smaller by this proposal.

I don't see any habitat for protected species on site.

I object to this proposal because it is contrary to Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF (December 2024) paragraphs 187d and 192 b which require no net loss of biodiversity and some net gain. The only way to provide no net loss on site would be for the extension to have a green roof and climbing plants on the walls.

If the application is permitted biodiversity enhancements will be required. Further 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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