

Ecology response 18 6 25 for H/25/99318 1 THE PADDOCK, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5HD

Single storey side extension incorporating accessible bedroom and ensuite and conversion of part of garage.

Gina Aftanas

18/6/25

I have reviewed the site photos. I don't see the required bat brick and swift brick from the previous application, and you have confirmed that they are not on this house. There is something mounted on the wall on the eastern elevation, but the photo is not clear, it could be an alarm box.

I don't see any potential habitat features on the western elevation where the extension would be located and the short-mown amenity grassland would not attract great crested newts. The closed board fence does not appear to have gaps for hedgehogs in the baseboards of the section that is visible in the photos.

I have no objection to this proposal, but biodiversity enhancements must be agreed before determination and submission of photographic evidence that they have been installed must be conditioned since the previous enhancements have not been provided.

Lisa Malter

Ecologist

10/6/25

This site is in an amber impact risk zone for great crested newts. There are records of bats, and hedgehogs nearby. Aerial photos available on Google maps show that there are large trees overhanging the property in the area of the proposal.

The PEA for F/21/92098 states that the newly built dwellings will each include a bat brick and a swift brick. The location of these features must be shown on an elevation plan so it can be determined whether the proposed extension would interfere with any wildlife features. Photos are required of the areas of the house and garden affected by the proposal.

The site and elevation plans show this proposed extension within the root protection zones of two trees located on the adjacent property.

Biodiversity enhancements will be 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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