

Dear Graham,

APP/22/01080 | Alteration to roof structure, increase of roof pitch and addition of rooms in the roof. Changes to windows at first floor level. | Larkrise, 93 Sea Front, Hayling Island, PO11 0AW

Thank you for providing me with further photos of the roof. The roof is covered by interlocking tiles and appears to be tightly fitted. Therefore, I raise no further concerns; however, I recommend that the below informative are added to any decision notice:

Informative

- Bats and their roosts receive strict legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). All work must stop immediately if bats, or evidence of bat presence (e.g., droppings, bat carcasses or insect remains), are encountered at any point during this development. Should this occur, further advice should be sought from Natural England and/or a professional ecologist.
- Birds' nests, when occupied or being built, receive legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is highly advisable to undertake work affecting potential bird nesting habitat (e.g. works to the roof) outside the bird nesting season, which is generally seen as extending from March to the end of August, although may extend longer depending on local conditions. If there is no alternative to doing the work during this period then a thorough, careful and quiet examination of the affected areas must be carried out before demolition starts. If occupied nests are present then work must stop in that area, a suitable (approximately 5m) stand-off maintained, and works can only recommence once the nest becomes unoccupied of its own accord.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Maral

Please note that this advice is given in accordance with the Service Level Agreement that has been signed between Hampshire County Council and your Council. These comments are expressed as a professional view provided to South Downs National Park Authority and should not, therefore, be interpreted as those of Hampshire County Council.

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