

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/23/00503

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/23/00503

Address: 17 St Georges Avenue, Havant, PO9 2RU

Proposal: Proposed loft conversion works and ground floor extensions to front and rear, new porch roof.

Case Officer: Josephine Lacey

Consultee Details

Name: Mr Tristan Norton

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On Behalf Of: County Ecologist

Comments

Dear Josephine,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a Preliminary Roost Assessment (Arbtech, November 2022) and a Bat Emergence Surveys and Mitigation Report (Darwin Ecology, June 2023). Following an initial assessment, the dwelling was considered to offer bat roosting potential due to the presence of numerous gaps and crevices within roof materials and hanging tiles. Subsequently, two evening emergence surveys were carried out during May 2023. No bats were observed roosting within the dwelling, and it is concluded that roosting bats are not currently present and that no further survey work is necessary.

Some sensible recommendations for the use of artificial lighting and for biodiversity enhancements are made. I would support the inclusion of an integral roosting box for bats within the new extension: the Bat Emergence report includes detailed information on such features.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that the reconfigured dwelling includes a single integral roosting unit for bats. The optimum location for this would be the new main gable ends.

The extended dwelling shall include at least one integral bat roosting unit, installed and retained in an appropriate location as per manufacturers instructions. Reason: to protect biodiversity in

accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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