

APP/20/00933 | Demolition of existing retail unit (no. 9 East Street) and construction of 10 no. supported living units, use Class C2 | 9 East Street, Havant, PO9 1AA 20.1244

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Thank you for your patience.

The application is accompanied by a Preliminary Roost Assessment & Bat Roost Survey Report (Enims, September 2020). Following an initial assessment, three bat surveys were carried out during August 2020. No bats were observed at the site and it is concluded that roosting bats are not currently present. No further survey works are considered necessary.

The proposed works are in close proximity to known bat roosts in nearby building. Therefore, construction must proceed in a careful manner so as to avoid impacts to these roosts and lighting in particular must be designed to avoid spillage onto known or potential roosting areas. Ecological advice should be sought for specific advice. I would suggest that the LPA should have an opportunity to review any lighting proposals. In addition, opportunities for biodiversity net gain should be taken. The ecology report recommends the installation of bat/bird boxes on the new building and I would agree that two nest boxes for common swifts at gable height on the East Street elevation would be a simple and effective enhancement measure.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that ecological mitigation and enhancement measures are secured by condition

Development shall proceed in accordance with the Preliminary Roost Assessment & Bat Roost Survey Report (Enims, September 2020) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The new building shall incorporate a minimum of two nest boxes for common swift, installed at a height and location agreed by an ecologist. All ecological enhancement measures shall be retained in a location and condition suited to their intended function Reason: to protect and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the NERC Act 2006, NPPF 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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