

APP/15/00595 Two storey side extension, with loft conversion and rear dormer windows (Revised application). 29 Record Road, Emsworth, PO10 7NS 15.1051

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. This application contains no new information on ecological matters and therefore I will reiterate my previous advice to you dated 9th March 2015:

There is a known bat roost within the attached 31 Record Road and so there would appear to be potential for impacts to legally-protected species. After reviewing data held by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) I subsequently contacted the Hampshire Bat Group to ascertain further details on the roost within no.31. An inspection carried out in 2012 found evidence of a serotine bat roost within the roof void of 31 – due to these dwellings being semi-detached there is potential for any bats to utilise 29 also and be impacted by any proposed alterations.

I would recommend that the applicant commissions a Phase 1 ecological survey of the site which should include an assessment of the potential for the site to support protected species (to be provided by a qualified ecologist (see Natural England guidance on finding a suitably-qualified ecologist <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/faq.aspx#q13>). The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) (www.cieem.net) holds a database of suitably-qualified ecologists. Unless the ecologist is able to conclude that there is no reasonable likelihood of protected species being present (due to negligible potential) or, that if present they are not to be impacted by the works, it is likely that further ecological survey work (Phase 2 survey) will be required prior to determination of the application. The results of any further surveys should be used to provide an assessment of the likely ecological impacts of the proposed works and to inform any mitigation measures.

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

Kind regards,

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