

Dear Jennie,

APP/25/00696 | Two storey side extension with roof conversion to include rear dormer and front roof windows, and single storey front extension. New render to external walls. | 82 Horndean Road, Emsworth, PO10 7PU

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information. I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping. Whilst the proposed works will entail substantial disruption of existing roof materials and any roof void/s below, these areas of the building appear to be in sound condition and there is nothing to suggest that there is a heightened risk of protected species such as bats being present. On that basis, and if you are minded to grant permission, then it may be appropriate to add an informative note reminding the applicant of the legal protection afforded bats and that the work should be carried out sensitively to ensure that impacts continue to be avoided. For example:

Bats and their roosts are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. 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 development works - should this occur, further advice should be sought from Natural England and/or a professional ecologist.

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

Kind regards,

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