

Dear Denise,

**APP/25/01000 | Two storey side extension, side dormer and raised patio. | 126
Durley Avenue, Waterlooville, PO8 8TZ**

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information, and I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping. Whilst the site is not likely to be of significant ecological value, the timber cladding at the front elevation gable end appears potentially suitable for supporting roosting bats, with gaps between the cladding visible. This area of the dwelling appears not to be impacted by the proposed works

I would not recommend that full ecological survey and assessment is necessary in this instance. If you are minded to grant permission, then it may be more 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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