

MEMORANDUM

From:	Tina Cuss Ecology Officer		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	250772
Address:	195 Victoria Road, Wargrave, Wokingham, RG10 8AH.		
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey rear extension, front porch and installation of roof lights and dormer window. Part-retrospective.		
Type of Development:	Other Householder		
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☒ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

I have read the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (DBW) (Urban Tree Experts, Ref SPH/NP/PEA-25/15.04, 23 April 2025) and reviewed the plans and elevations submitted in support of the application.

All species of British bat are protected under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Under this legislation it is an offence to kill or injure a bat or interfere with any roosting or resting site. A bat roost is interpreted as *“any structure or place used for shelter or protection” whether or not bats are present at the time*.

I am satisfied that the survey effort and methodology are adequate for the Ecologist to conclude that the property currently does not support any potential roosting features for bats. Provided that informative I17 is included in the planning decision there are no ecological objections to the development as proposed.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Despite ecological surveys being undertaken which suggest that protected species are not using the application site, bats are mobile creatures, and it is possible that protected species may be encountered once works commence. I recommend the following informative should be appended to any such consent:

Informative: Bats are a protected species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Should any bats or evidence of bats be

found prior to or during the development, all works must stop immediately and an ecological consultant contacted for further advice before works can proceed. All contractors working on site should be made aware of the advice and provided with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant.

Date:	25/04/25	Signed:	T Cuss
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