

MEMORANDUM

From:	Tina Cuss Ecology Officer		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	251184
Address:	108 Reading Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3AD.		
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, plus erection of a replacement roof with 2 no. dormers to create first floor accommodation following removal of the existing roof and chimneys, creation of front and rear roof terraces, removal of the front bay window and changes to fenestration.		
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 (Urban Tree Experts Ref: SPH/NP/PEA-25/10.01, January 2025) and Ecological Survey Report (Urban Tree Experts, Ref: SPH/ESR-25/07.05, 14 May 2025). I have also reviewed the plans and elevations submitted in support of the application.

All species of British bat are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, (as amended) and The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (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 methodology and effort are adequate for the Ecologist to conclude that the property is not currently used by bats and a protected species licence is not needed for the development proposed to proceed legally. There are no ecological objections to the development as proposed. I note the Ecologist states the validity of the reports cease after one year from the survey, or if the site conditions change due to unspecified works that affect the site whichever is the sooner. I request that WBC informative I19 is included in the decision notice.

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:	31/07/25	Signed:	T Cuss
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