



Gritstone Ecology

23 Newbold Road - Desford - Nesting Bird Mitigation & Enhancement Measures

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning permission is sought for the change of use of a former retail store to a dental surgery. Works will include the installation of solar panels to the rear pitch of the roof, reinstatement of a roof light to the front of the building, general repair and refurbishment works, and changes to the internal layout. (26/00442/FUL.)

Leicestershire County Council Ecology Team have requested that measures are put in place for the protection of nesting birds, and for the enhancement of the site for nesting swifts.

The measures detailed below should provide protection for nesting birds on site, and ecological enhancements for nesting swifts.

Nesting bird check prior to the start of work on site.

Ideally the works will be undertaken outside of the breeding bird season which runs from the 1st March – 31st August.

However, If works are to start during the breeding bird season, then the building and vegetation adjacent to the site will be checked for the presence of nesting birds 24 hours prior to the start of work to ensure that nesting birds are protected.

If nesting birds are present, then work in that area will cease until the chicks have fledged and the nest is no longer in use.

Ecological enhancements for nesting swifts

Swift boxes will be mounted under the eaves on the east wall of the building, in order to provide improved habitat for nesting swifts locally. The east side of the building will give shelter from the mid-day heat of the summer sun, is furthest from human disturbance at the front of the building, and close to vegetation on the boundary of the property.

The following box types will be used:

- 4x Vivara Pro WoodStone Swift Facade Nest Box (or equivalent)

Given the size and constraints of the site, these locations offer the least disturbance for nesting birds, and are close to trees and other suitable habitat on the site boundary.

Details of the bird boxes specified can be found on the links below:

<https://vivarapro.com/product/nk-gz-10-swift-facade-nesting-box/>

<https://vivarapro.com/product/nk-gz-12-swift-facade-nesting-box/>

The bird boxes specified above are designed specifically for swifts, and will provide improved nesting habitat for swifts locally.

Please give me a call if you need any further details.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SB' with a flourish and a period.

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