

## **Biodiversity Statement**

### **Proposed Demolition of Existing Conservatory and Erection of Replacement Conservatory at 2 Morgan's Vale Cottages, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO43 7JG**

The Biodiversity Checklist for Householder Applications advises that if any answers within the checklist are answered 'yes' then a short statement would need to be submitted assessing and describing the impacts the proposal would have on biodiversity.

2 Morgan's Vale Cottages is located less than 50m away from a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Ramsar site with a small area of wetland species within 50m of the site.

As this application simply seeks to replace a structure that already exists with a structure of the same size and proportions there would be no further impact upon biodiversity than currently exists. No part of the structure would be located within the boundary of designated sites and the proposed conservatory would be wholly contained within the curtilage of the existing dwellinghouse.

The existing conservatory is a single-storey construction with the frame tightly fitted and sealed to the house with the absence of the roof void which means there are no suitable openings for bats or birds to roost or nest. Furthermore, the client has not observed any bat or bird activity around the existing conservatory and so its demolition is unlikely to result in any loss of habitat.

As such, despite the proximity of 2 Morgan's Vale to designated assets, the proposed development would not have a direct or indirect impact upon the local ecology or biodiversity as the proposal is relatively minor.