

Bat boxes are more likely to be used if they are located where bats are known to feed. Ideally, several boxes should be put up facing in different directions on sunny aspects to provide a range of warm conditions. Boxes should be put as high as possible to try and avoid predation from cats on the ground or nearby structures. On buildings, boxes should be placed as close to the eaves as possible. Bats use dark tree lines or hedgerows for navigation, so putting boxes near these features could help bats find the box.

In summary, locate boxes:

- Where bats are known to feed and navigate (close to hedges and tree lines);
- Ideally at least 4m above the ground (where safe installation is possible);
- Away from artificial light sources (to protect them from predation); and
- Sheltered from strong winds and exposed to the sun for part of the day (usually south, south-east or south-west).

See Ecology report for mounting bird boxes..

The incorporation of five common nesting bird boxes across the site. Two 1SP Schwegler 'sparrow terrace boxes should be placed upon new buildings in any location close to the soffit boards and at least 3.5 metres in height and three Schwegler 1B nest boxes can also be installed at least 3.5m high on any trees retained or upon external walls of the property where necessary.