Great Crested Newts - Application 262391- Hurst Bowling Club

Great Crested Newt Statement

Please accept this statement to provide Non-Licensed Avoidance Measures for Great Crested Newts as requested.

In the UK the Great Crested Newt is a European Protected Species protected under both UK and retained EU laws. Specifically in the UK these laws are **The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017** and the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.**

Hurst Bowling Club falls within an amber zone for GCN habitat but there is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present in the grounds of the Bowling Club due to the nature and use of the grounds.

The application is to replace an existing container 5.49m x 2.44m with a new container 6.06m x 2.44m installed in the same position on existing hard standing. The new container is the same width but 0.57m longer and will extend over the existing hard standing where the mowing machines are wheeled out. There will be minimal excavation as the new container will be supported on 0.6m square concrete slabs placed at the corners on the existing base.

In order to control and minimise the very small risk of harming great crested newts the following avoidance measures will be adopted.

~ Any vegetation in and around the installation area will be kept close mown during the course of the installation.

~ During the installation any open excavations will be backfilled before nightfall or escape ramps will be installed.

~ Any stored materials such as slabs will be kept raised off the ground or on existing hard standing.

In the unlikely event that a great crested newt is found during the installation work then work will stop immediately and a licensed ecologist will be called to site to ensure the newt is not harmed and provide further advice on how to proceed.

The above measures will be written into the installation method statement.

Please advise if further information or measures are required to assist Planning Officers in determining the application.

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