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Development Management
Wokingham Borough Council
Civic Offices, Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1BN

Newt Avoidance Statement

Dear Wokingham Planning Department,

Please find this statement regarding the safeguarding of great crested newts in relation to our application submitted for **297 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 3NL**.

No amphibian surveys were undertaken in support of this planning application for the following reasons:

- The land affected by the proposal is covered by an existing hardstanding driveway and is therefore unsuitable habitat for great crested newts.
- The works for the garage have already been approved under a previous planning application – this application concerns the conversion of said garage.

Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMS) Method Statement

The front drive of 297 Nine Mile Ride around the area affected by the works is considered to have no great crested newt refuge, foraging, or hibernation potential, consisting of hardstanding driveway. That being said, with materials being stored on site, it is important to set out measures to reduce any risks to potential great crested newts.

Precautionary Measures:

- Materials will be stored on site on hardstanding.
- Stored items will be raised off the ground on pallets to remove any potential habitats or refuges for great crested newts.

Avoiding Unlawful Capture

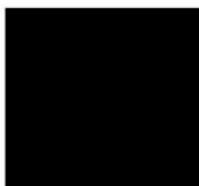
Great crested newts could become trapped in footings or other excavations if the following precautions are not taken:

- The principal contractor must inspect the site each morning to ensure great crested newts are not trapped in excavations or site materials.

IF GREAT CRESTED NEWTS ARE FOUND DURING SITE INSPECTIONS, WORK MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY AND MUST NOT RESUME UNTIL A SUITABLY QUALIFIED ECOLOGIST HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED.

Given the above mitigation strategies, it is considered likely that there will be no residual impacts on great crested newts. If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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