

Non-licensed Avoidance Measures for Great Crested Newts – Misting Meadows

There is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present in the curtilage to which the proposed buildings are located, given the sections of lawn are regularly mown as well as recent clearance works having taken place as part of land maintenance, as will be apparent on a site visit.

In order to minimise the small risk of harming great crested newts, the following avoidance measures will be adopted:

- Any vegetation in the construction area will be kept closely mown
- During the course of construction, any open excavations and trenches will be backfilled before nightfall, or alternatively, escape ramps will be installed to allow newts to escape if they become trapped;
- Any stored building materials such as bricks etc. that might offer shelter for newts will be kept raised off the ground on pallets or on existing hard standing.

In the unlikely event that any great crested newts are found during the construction, works will stop immediately, and a licensed ecologist will be called onto site to ensure the newts are not harmed and provide further advice on how to proceed; work will recommence only once further written advice has been received.