

Avoidance Method Statement for Great Crested Newts

Elmlands, Little Hill Road, Hurst, Wokingham, RG10 0TG

This method statement has been produced as the site has been highlighted on the Wokingham Planning Constraint Checker as a Greater Crested Newt impact risk zone.

As there are no water features on site, there is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present in the garden. In order to minimise the small risk of harming great crested newts, the following avoidance measures will be adopted:

1. Any vegetation in the construction area will be kept closely mown during the course of the construction work.
2. 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.
3. 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 a great crested newt is found during the construction, works will stop immediately, and a licensed ecologist will be called onto site to ensure the newt is not harmed and provide further advice on how to proceed; work will recommence only once further written advice has been received.