

477 Wokingham Road_GCEN Statement

Great Crested Newt Non-licensed Avoidance Measures

In terms of the works that are to be carried out at 477 Wokingham Road to the boundary fence it is considered that there is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present, so the work could go ahead lawfully. 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 maintained as closely mown.

- During the course of construction, any open excavations for the existing posts once removed will be backfilled and reposted before nightfall, or alternatively, escape ramps will be installed to allow newts to escape if they become trapped;
- Any stored building materials 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.