

Biodiversity Statement

The planning constraint checker shows that the site is in an area that requires bat surveys only when modifications to roofs are proposed. As the proposal is for a single storey rear extension no existing roofs are affected, and a bat survey has not been undertaken.

The constraint checker also highlights it is suitable for Greater Crested Newts. The below avoidance method statement has been produced.

Avoidance Method Statement for Great Crested Newts

8 Tudor Close, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2LU

This method statement has been produced as there is a pond approx. 130m from the property. It has been highlighted on the Wokingham Planning Constraint Checker as a Greater Crested Newt impact risk zone.

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.