

CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICE TO RESIDENTIAL FLAT.**Non-licensed Avoidance Measures for Great Crested Newts**

5.5.1 There is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present in the garden the work to could go ahead lawfully. 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
- ② • during the course of the construction work;
- ③ • • 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;
- ④ • • 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.
- ⑤ 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.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE AVOIDANCE MEASURES, THERE WILL BE NO EXTERNAL CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT WORKS, CHANGE OF USE ONLY

N.B. ① EXISTING LAWNS WILL BE KEPT CLOSELY MOWN

② NO EXTERNAL CONSTRUCTION WORKS

③ NO EXCAVATIONS OR TRENCHES

④ NO STORED BUILDING MATERIALS

⑤ THERE ARE NO PONDS OR OPEN DITCHES CLOSE TO THE SITE THOUGH THERE IS OPEN WATER IN THE AREA.

IN THE EVENT OF A G.C. NEWT BEING FOUND, A LICENSED ECOLOGIST WILL BE CONTACTED.

⑥ I HAVE OWNED LIDDELL HOUSE SINCE 1985 AND HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE GREAT CRESTED NEWT.

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