
Project:	South Wokingham, Berkshire	Subject:	Great Crested Newt Strategy
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Introduction

ECOSA have been appointed to produce a Great Crested Newt Strategy for the remaining parcels at South Wokingham to be brought forward. The aim of the strategy is to provide appropriate ecological mitigation for great crested newt while delivering future proposed works.

Strategy

Updating great crested newt surveys were carried out between May and June 2026 including eDNA surveys and great crested new population assessment surveys. During the surveys one pond was recorded as supporting a medium population of great crested newts.

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) have also been approached to determine the strategy used with regards to Parcel 4. No response has been received at the time of preparing this strategy, but this strategy will be updated as further discussions and surveys are carried out.

Mitigation Measures

While great crested newt were recorded as present within 500 metres of Parcel R7, R13 and Holme Park SANG, the existing population is separated from the site by ongoing building work being carried out by Balfour Beatty and WBC in Parcel R4. As such it is considered unlikely that great crested newt would be present on site and the chance of an offense is extremely unlikely. Therefore it is not considered necessary to apply for a protected species licence at this time. All habitat removal works that could impact individual great crested newts will be supervised by a suitably qualified ecologist.