

**Non-licensed Avoidance Measures for Great Crested Newts  
Development of stables and a Barn  
Fairview Farm, Forest Road, Wokingham RG40 5SA**

It has been established by previous PEA's in 2019 and 2024 that there is only a low risk that individual great crested newts could be present on the site given its condition as concrete hardstanding and manége.

It follows that work to could go ahead lawfully on this site without harm to CGN's.

In order to minimise the small risk of harming GCN's, the following avoidance measures will be adopted:

- Any vegetation on the periphery of the construction area will be kept closely mown whilst construction takes place.
- 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.
- Any stored building materials such as bricks or sheeting 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.