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Hi Tony,

Thank you for your consultation.

The site falls within the amber Impact risk zone for GCN and there are two ponds within 500m of the development site with historic records associated with woodland to the west.

The site is comprised mainly of arable field reducing the likelihood of GCN being present on site but with a lack of survey information relating to ponds to within 500m it would be recommended that Reasonable avoidance measures are implemented to reduce the likelihood of GCN being impacted by development works.

As such the following condition would be recommended:

All vegetation within the works area shall be maintained at a maximum height of 30mm until construction is completed through regular mowing or grazing in order to discourage great crested newts from using the site. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the following measures:

- Any trenches or excavations left overnight shall be covered or provided with ramps to prevent GCN from becoming trapped. Excavations shall be checked for the presence of animals before being filled.
- Any building materials will be stored on pallets or in jumbo bags or containers to discourage GCN from using them as shelter.
- Any demolition materials or waste will be stored in skips or similar containers rather than in piles on ground.

Anyone undertaking this development should be aware that GCN and their resting places are protected at all times by The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Planning permission for development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation or substitute the need to obtain a protected species licence if an offence is likely. If a GCN is discovered during site preparation, enabling or construction phases, then all works must stop until the advice of a professional/suitably qualified ecologist and Natural England is obtained, including the need for a licence.

Reasons: To safeguard biodiversity as set out by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, NPPF Chapter 15 (Paragraphs 174, 179, 185), Circular 06/2005, policies CSP.1 and CSP.2 of the Core Strategy and policies AP1, AP7 and AP8 of the Allocations Plan.

Kind regards,

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