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GCN CONSTRUCTION METHOD STATEMENT

RE: 20/0542 - Riverside Chalet Park, Occupation Lane, Poulton Le Fylde, FY6 7LJ

The following construction measures will be adopted throughout the construction period of the proposed development:

- *In order to ensure that the Method Statement is adhered to, a copy MUST be kept on site at all times during the works.*
- *Any site compound MUST be sited on an area of hard standing. Furthermore, it is recommended that all construction materials are sited on bare soil, tarmac or on very short grass. To ensure that no potential newt resting sites are created, the disturbance of which, if occupied by GCN, would constitute an offence.*
- *All work must take place during daylight hours as newts are more likely to be commuting over night and this will ensure the risk to any newts commuting through the site will be minimised.*
- *During the development, measures should be put in place to discourage newts from using the development area, the creation of any piles of earth, materials and rubble which could form potential artificial hibernacula and refuge should be avoided at all times. It is recommended that any spoil or rubble will be removed immediately to skips, or on hard standing or short grass. This will ensure that no potential newt hibernation sites are created, the disturbance of which, if occupied by GCN, would constitute an offence.*
- *The storage of all loose materials must be palletised or similar so they are off the ground.*
- *Should any trenches and excavations be required, an escape route for animals that enter the trench must be provided, especially if left open overnight. Ramps should be no greater than of 45 degrees in angle. Ideally, any holes should be securely covered. This will ensure GCN are not captured which would otherwise constitute an offence.*
- *All excavations left open overnight or longer should be checked for animals prior to the continuation of works or infilling. Back filling should be completed immediately after any excavations, ideally back filling as an on-going process to the work in hand.*
- *If a GCN is found, work must stop immediately and contact should be made with a licensed, qualified ecologist, who will liaise with Natural England. The client and site staff should be made aware of the slight risk that GCN could be encountered on the site. If GCN are found during the course of the works, the Appointed Ecologist must be contacted immediately and work ceased until further advice to ensure legal compliance can be given.*