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Mr Howard
Moor End Manor
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Dear Mr Howard

RE: MOOR END MANOR. STALMINE

I would report we attended the above site on 5th November 2021. We understand a new garage is to be constructed and an assessment for potential impacts on ecology will be needed for a planning application. Our Mr Andrew Gardner attended site.

The development site entirely comprises an area of gravel comprising a drive upon which cars are parked. There is no vegetation associated with the car park. The carpark is edged with flower beds, much of which comprise bare ground. Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) have been recently planted. A single Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) to the flower bed had a rot hole some 2m from the ground. This was inspected, no evidence of use by bats was noted.

To the rear of the carpark is an ornamental pond. The vertical sides of the pond would not allow easy ingress or egress by amphibians. The pond is stocked with fish and water quality was very poor. A fountain is fed by a submersible pump and large numbers of ducks were present. Given all of the above the presence of Great crested newts is highly unlikely. Should they be present in the pond it is unlikely they could leave and if they did the development area has negligible value to them.

Given the proposal is to an existing gravel carpark with no vegetation cover. The only tree on the site boundary has no signs of use by bats and the boundary pond and site has negligible value to great crested newts, there are no identified ecological constraints to the proposal. Photographs are appended.

Yours Sincerely

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The development area comprises a gravel carpark



The boundary flower bed has been recently planted with cherry Laurel but comprises much bare ground



A Sycamore with rot hole which was fully inspected



Pond with vertical sides, poor water quality, wildfowl present and submersible pump and fountain