

# **A Great Crested Newt Method Statement**

Erection of a garden room at Doll's Cottage, The Row, Henham, CM22 6 AT, Essex

## **Precautionary mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to the Great Crested Newt during the construction phase and to be maintained afterwards**

### MITIGATION TO AVOID ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

To avoid killing or injuring small animals, in particular the great crested newt, which may pass through the site during the construction phase, the following measures will be implemented:

- a) trenches, pits or holes dug on site will be covered over at night. Alternatively, should covering them be impractical, ramps (consisting of a rough wooden plank) or sloped/stepped trenches will be provided to allow any great newts thus trapped to climb out unharmed;
- b) materials brought to the site for the construction works will be kept off the ground on pallets to prevent any great newts seeking refuge; and
- c) rubbish and waste will be removed off site immediately or placed in a skip, to prevent any great newts using the waste as a refuge.

Should any newts or evidence of newts be found prior to or during the development, all works will immediately cease, and a suitably qualified ecologist will be contacted for further advice before works will proceed. All contractors working on site will be made aware of the advice and provided with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant.

### SENSITIVE USE OF LIGHTING TO AVOID IMPACTS TO NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

The great crested newt is nocturnal and as such any outside lighting will be installed taking this into account. Any new external lighting will be installed as follows: 1) Light levels will be as low as possible as required to fulfil the lighting need. 2) Warm-White lights will be used at <2700k. 3) Wall lighting will be located as low in height as possible and be hooded to prevent horizontal spill. 4) A movement sensors with timers will be used to minimise the amount of 'lit time'.

Should any extra measures be required for the protection of the great crested newt, these will be carried out as instructed.

Kindly contact us should more information be required.

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