

Environmental Procedure: 04

CEMP Method Statement



Project Name:	Victoria Court - Residential Development
Project Address:	Land Adjacent 31/33 Victoria Court, Tottington, Bury BL8 3GY
Principal Contractor:	JN Building Contractors Ltd
Method Statement:	CEMP Method Statement: AMS: Amphibians and Small Mammals
Date of Issue:	04/11/2025
Planning Ref:	71758
Prepared for:	Bury Planning Department
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Species Covered:	Great crested newt, common toad, hedgehog, badger
Legislation:	Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2019, Protection of Badgers Act 1992, NERC Act 2006

1. Objectives

- Prevent harm or disturbance to protected amphibians and small mammals
- Comply with Condition 7 of planning approval
- Ensure lawful and ecologically sensitive site clearance and development

2. Programme

- Works scheduled to commence **Autumn 2025**
- RAMS measures apply throughout construction and habitat enhancement phases

3. Pre-Works Preparation

- **Ecological Survey:** Conducted by licensed ecologist prior to works
- **Toolbox Talk:** Delivered by ecologist to all site operatives
- **Attendance Record:** Signed list retained by ecologist and site manager

4. Construction Phase Measures

4.1 Site Checks

- **Pre-phase search** for protected species by competent operative
- **Vegetation clearance** phased and supervised during autumn/winter
- Avoid clearance after **>3 consecutive nights of frost** unless ECoW confirms low hibernation risk

4.2 Materials & Storage

- Check **materials piles** for sheltering species before moving
- Store materials **off ground on pallets**
- Keep working and storage areas **clear of debris**

4.3 Excavations

- Cover open trenches **overnight** using plyboard and sandbags
- If not possible, install **escape ramp** ($\leq 40^\circ$ angle) for trapped animals

4.4 Downtime

- If works pause for **>3 weeks**, repeat site checks before resuming

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5. Habitat Enhancement Phase

- Repeat **species search** prior to habitat works
- Check **rubble piles, stacked timber, leaf litter** before disturbance
- Toolbox talk repeated for habitat team
- Re-phase or delay works if protected species are found

6. Avoidance & Supervision

- Minimize **machinery movement** across site
- Restrict personnel and equipment to **defined working zones**
- All works supervised by **Ecological Clerk of Works**

7. Recording & Reporting

- Any sightings of protected species to be:
 - Logged by ECoW
 - Reported to **Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU)**