

GMEU response

Bats

For the soft felling of low risk trees I recommend a condition along the following lines.

The removal of trees T1– T8 may have the potential to cause harm to bats as identified in the Aerial Tree Assessment Thomson Environmental Consultants ref. WAT005-001-009/001/001. No tree under any circumstances be felled unless for that tree, further surveys in the case of T1 or T2 have occurred or precautionary working measure for removal of trees in the case of T3 -T8 have been provided to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority

Great Crested Newts

For district licensing I provide the following advice

Technically no condition is also required as the process is now in the hands of Natural England and their agent for delivery of the new ponds unless the LPA would want mitigation beyond the requirements of DLL. However the developer may decide to change their approach and not enter in to DLL at which point further survey would be required. Given gcn have been recorded in the wider landscape, I therefore recommend a condition along the following lines.

The development has the potential to cause harm to great crested newts and is proposed for entry in to District Level Licensing.

Prior to development confirmation that:

- *no changes to this mitigation approach have occurred or;*
- *if changes have occurred further information on the new mitigation approach to gcn.*

should be provided to and agreed in writing by the LPA

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