

## Rebekah Morgan

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Rebekah

The submitted ecological report is generally fine however it states that the further bat surveys will be carried out within the determination period and submitted along with any required mitigation and I could not find this update. Could you send this over or point me to it within the documentation? Without it we do not know which conditions may be required for bats.

With regards to other species/aspects we will need conditions as follows:

### **A CEMP for biodiversity.**

**Reptiles and nesting birds** – adherence to sections 5.17 and 5.20-5.25 inclusive of the Ecological Impact Assessment June 2020.

**Great Crested Newts** – This will require a licence condition but as part of the works are planned to be covered by a GCN method statement alone and not within the licence we would need an additional condition to cover this aspect as they have not yet stated what methods or mitigation they will carry out for these areas.

#### **1.1 Licence Required – CON**

Where an offence under Regulation 43 of the Habitat and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) is likely to occur in respect of the development hereby approved, no works of site clearance, demolition or construction shall take place which are likely to impact on Great Crested newts until a licence to affect such species has been granted in accordance with the aforementioned Regulations and a copy thereof has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

#### **1.2 Mitigation Great Crested Newts – PC**

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, including any demolition and any works of site clearance, a method statement and mitigation strategy for Great crested newts to cover all works not included under an EPSL, and which shall include timing and manner of works, exclusion fencing, the location and design of alternative ponds/habitats together with the timing of their provision as required, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not cause harm to any protected species or their habitats in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

In addition the Ecological assessment and other documents do not appear to detail any proposed enhancements on site for biodiversity for this application. As we are obliged to seek biodiversity enhancements for all developments and ensure that there is an overall net gain and no net loss for biodiversity, proposals should have been put forward for this. As it stands it is difficult to see which enhancements that might be relevant to this application on a stand-alone basis and therefore it appears to result in an overall loss.

We could therefore condition a **biodiversity enhancement scheme which should demonstrate that the works will result in an overall net gain for biodiversity in terms of habitats and opportunities**, I would consider this should be pre-commencement.

Please do get back to me with any queries today.

Kind regards

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