

**From:** Charlotte Watkins  
**Sent:** 17 September 2020 23:04  
**To:** George Smith  
**Subject:** RE: 20/01891/F

Hi George

Even though this is a relatively small area it does have potential to support wildlife which as a minimum would require a CEMP to ensure any wildlife (e.g. nesting birds, reptiles, GCN) were not harmed during construction.

The Council is part of the Great Crested Newt District Licensing Scheme offered by NatureSpace (<https://naturespaceuk.com/district-licensing-scheme/>) and this site is located in highly suitable/suitable habitat on the Naturespace Impact Risk Maps. Whilst there is a road between the closest potential aquatic habitat (45m) and this area, it is entirely possible that this site forms part of terrestrial habitat should GCN be present in ponds in the vicinity. The possibility of GCN being impacted should be addressed in some form - they could consider using the district licensing scheme therefore but would need to show they have been accepted onto the scheme.

The proposals will need to show that there will be no overall loss to biodiversity and an overall gain should be sought as per local policy. Features such as integrated bird and bat bricks and wildlife friendly landscaping should be considered in any new build therefore and conditioned should permission be granted.

I would recommend a walkover check by an ecologist is carried out on site therefore to assist in ensuring any ecological features on site are addressed.

Kind regards  
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**From:** George Smith  
**Sent:** 16 September 2020 14:54  
**To:** Charlotte Watkins  
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Hi Charlotte

I hope you're well.

We haven't consulted on this one, but a neighbour has noted that the site provides a good habitat for wildlife. Just wondering if you had any comments the siting of a new dwelling here? The trees on site are protected, but there are no specific ecological constraints identified.

Thanks a lot,  
George

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