

Consultee Comment for planning application 22/01683/F

Application Number	22/01683/F
Location	Unit 7 Oxford Technology Park Technology Drive Kidlington OX5 1GN
Proposal	Development within Use Classes E (g) (i), and/or (ii), and/or (iii), and/or B2 and/or B8 and Associated Works including Access and Parking
Case Officer	Dale Jones
Organisation	Ecology (CDC)
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Comments	<p>With regard to the above application - no ecological information has been submitted here. If there was an ecological survey as part of development on a wider site then it would be useful to see this referred to. There doesn't look to be a major ecological issues on site but reptiles may be using the site depending on the current state of it. There are also ponds within 250m of the site to the South East which could contain Great Crested Newts. The site itself looks to be relatively unsuitable for them (from a desk study) however measures to ensure GCN are not affected by the works should be included within a CEMP for biodiversity. I would recommend as a minimum that a walkover survey to check for the presence of protected species is carried out pre-commencement (via condition) to ensure that no protected species are likely to be harmed by the development and to outline any measures needed to protect them as part of a CEMP. Should GCN be found during works all work would need to cease until a licence is obtained.</p> <p>In addition as a standalone application there is very little in the way of habitat created on site and it seems doubtful that an overall net gain of the level we usually seek would be achieved by the current measures. Usually we would expect submission of a BIA metric to demonstrate that this is possible on site. The Landscape officer refers to a previously agreed landscaping scheme however I am not sure how this fits in with the need to make this policy compliant and ensure that a net gain is achieved.</p> <p>Kind regards Charlotte</p>
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