

Officer Liz Anderson – Ecologist
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Ref: 26/0007/FPH
Att: Melissa Tyler

The Dairy, Police Row, Therfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9QE
Erection of detached single storey outbuilding for incidental domestic use.

Consultee comments;

Having read the submitted documents and considered mapping it is apparent that there is a large pond adjacent to the western site boundary. No ecological information has been provided with the application but Natural England mapping shows the site to lie in an amber zone for Great Crested Newts (GCN). Due to the proximity of waterbodies and suitable terrestrial habitat for amphibians it is advised that eDNA surveys for GCN are undertaken.

The presence of a protected species is a material consideration and we are now in the survey season for GCN but the applicant may wish to choose to use the District Licence approach in which case an Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (IACPC) will need to be provided to NHC prior to determination. More information can be found at [Great crested newts: district level licensing | North Herts Council](#)

If the applicant does not proceed with the District Level Licence route the following condition should be added to any permission;

No works are in any circumstances to commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with a newt mitigation licence issued by Natural England authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead.

Reason: To ensure that works do not result in adverse impacts to protected species under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.