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Your Ref: 3/2016/0949

Our Ref: 3756

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Thursday, 06 May 2021

Dear Sirs

RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 52 IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF CHURCH RAIKE, CHIPPING

Condition 52 of Application 3/2016/0949 on the above site states:

“No development on a parcel of land (as defined on Dwg No 05024_MP_00_105) shall take place until a great crested newt survey has been carried out during the optimum period March/April/May/June inclusive for pond/terrestrial/egg and larvae - July/August for Habitat and larvae - September for Habitat and November/December - for Hibernating newts. The findings of the survey should include details of Habitat Suitability Index [HSI] Assessment, Presence/Absence details, population size and mitigation/translocation details”

We can confirm that a survey of the site was undertaken by an ecologists from Envirotech NW Ltd on the 4th May 2021. The surveyor has undertaken a large number of surveys for this species. During the surveys a check for signs of use by GCN was made. Searches were made for potential refuge sites, breeding ponds and animals themselves upto 30m from the site boundaries.

The survey did not return any evidence of use of the site by GCN and although potential habitats occur locally GCN have not been recorded within 30m of site boundaries.

It is considered that there is a very low risk of a disturbance to GCN occurring as a result of the proposals. Specific mitigation for this species is therefore not considered necessary.

There are no ponds on or near the site hence HSI scores were not compiled.



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Contractors should be observant for signs of use by the species. If there is subsequent concern that GCN may be utilising the site, works should halt and further advice should be sought.



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