Reasonable Avoidance Measures for GCN:

Rackery Farm New Dog Exercise Area

The building if the new fence around the dog exercise area is expected to be of negligible risk to GCN due to the sub optimal habit on the site. To remove any residual risk, it is recommended the following Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMS) are followed:

- To discourage Great Crested Newts and other reptiles from using the site before the development no materials/logs/rubble should be stored on the site. Ideally all materials should be stored on pallets (or similar) off the ground.
- Keep duration of groundworks as short as possible.
- Backfill trenches and other excavations before nightfall, or leave a ramp to allow newts and reptiles to easily exit.
- If GCN are seen on site during the duration of the works, stop all work and contact a licensed ecologist for further advice.
- The hedgerow and its base to the east of the site should not be disturbed.