



ECOLOGICAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT

1. Introduction

The objectives of this audit are to provide a material component of the ecological method statement, prepared by UES prior the waste removal works and the erection of a warehouse extension and loading bay canopy at F Lloyd (Penley) Ltd. Extension 1 (X), Wrexham Industrial Estate.

The ecological method statement was prepared to reduce the risk of harm to protected species and habitats to negligible levels whilst a spoil pile is removed from the site and the construction of Extension 1 (X).

This document is to be used through the construction phase of the development and for a period of two years following the completion of works on site.

2. Background Information

Site Name	F Lloyd (Penley) Ltd. Extension 1 (X); Wrexham Industrial Estate	Site grid reference:	SJ 37669 48583
Planning reference:	P/2023/0388		
Developer:	FI Real Estate Management Ltd.	Name of appointed ecologist:	United Environmental Services Ltd. (UES)



3. Pre-commencement requirements

No.	Mitigation measure	Date of action / Name of auditor	Pass (Yes/No), comments. State if photographic evidence has been used	What action is required as a result of findings?
1	As per the Great Crested Newt Method Statement produced by UES (Reference UES03411/06), a European Protected Species (EPS) mitigation licence will be required to cover the proposed development works. Mitigation measures will be included within the EPS, which is granted by Natural Resources Wales (NRW). Mitigation will revolve around a period of trapping and translocation (as described in section 3 of report reference UES03411/06). Exclusion fencing will also remain on site which will prevent GCN from re-entering the development boundary during the construction works. EPS to be granted by NRW following the granting of planning consent and trapping period to be completed prior to any works on site.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
2	Prior to all works on site staff and contractors will be given a toolbox talk, by a suitably qualified ecologist, with regard to amphibians and reptiles. The talk will include species identification, ecology and legal protection of UK amphibians and reptiles. A record of all inductees will be retained.		☐ Yes ☐ No	



3	A site walkover will be undertaken by an Ecological Clerk of Works, who will conduct out a fingertip search of the spoil mound and any other possible refugia to ensure that no wildlife is to be harmed. This will occur following the trapping period as included within the EPS mitigation licence. This fingertip search will also involve a search for any invasive species that may be affected by the proposals (see step 6 below).		☐ Yes ☐ No	
4	Exclusion fencing will be retained around the periphery of the site to reduce the risk of common amphibians and reptiles entering the site to negligible levels. This will also serve to protect the semi-improved grassland and other semi-natural habitats adjacent to the working area.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
5	Any potential hibernacula will be removed from the working area by a suitably experienced ecologist and placed in a suitable area close to site. Hibernacula could include piles of rubble, bricks, loose soil, debris, brash piles etc.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	A toolbox talk is given to all site staff and contractors regarding biosecurity and invasive non-native plant species (INNS) in accordance with the Biosecurity Risk Assessment. A site walkover to be undertaken by suitably qualified ecologist to ensure that no INNS are present within the work area.		☐ Yes ☐ No	



7	Ensure that all machinery is clean prior to accessing site.		☐ Yes ☐ No	

4. Construction phase ecological mitigation measures

No.	Mitigation measure	Evidence?	Pass (Yes/No), comments. State if photographic evidence has been used	What action is required as a result of findings?
1	Weekly checks by site manager of amphibian exclusion fencing to ensure integrity. Monthly checks of amphibian exclusion fencing to ensure it is compliant with any granted EPS licence.	Weekly checklist to be kept on site.	☐ Yes ☐ No	
2	Safe storage of chemicals or hazardous materials.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
3	Infilling any trenches or providing a means of escape for any animal that may become trapped.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
4	Materials will be stored on pallets off the ground in order to reduce the risk of amphibians / reptiles sheltering underneath them.		☐ Yes ☐ No	
5	Best practice measures (see Environment Agency's Pollution Prevention Guidelines for		☐ Yes ☐ No	



	further details) should be implemented to ensure that the risk of pollution events is minimised.			
6	All equipment and vehicles will be power hosed off site on an impermeable surface e.g. hardstanding and not on bare ground or grassland. Where possible, this should occur away from any surface water drains to reduce the risk of runoff entering a watercourse or any waterbodies. This will serve to reduce the risk of importing invasive species and any pollutants.		☐ Yes ☐ No	

5. Post-construction mitigation and enhancement measures

No.	Mitigation / enhancement measure	Date complete / Name of auditor / Evidence?	Pass (Yes/No), comments.	What action is required as a result of findings?
1	Removal of exclusion fencing under ecological supervision to ensure that any amphibians sheltering within the fissures can be protected. Additional mitigation and enhancement measures may be required post-construction depending on the granted EPS licence. Any post-construction measures will be agreed with NRW and submitted as part of an End of Licence Return submission.		☐ Yes ☐ No	



Any other points to note/comments from auditor:

Photographic Evidence ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If Yes, Please attach to
completed report**

Development phase	Auditor Name	Auditor Signature	Date Completed
Pre-commencement audit			
Development phase audit			
Post-development phase audit			