

GER Y GORSAF, NEWBRIDGE ROAD, NEWBRIDGE, WREXHAM, LL14 3BJ
PROPOSED NEW GARAGE WITH SUN TERRACE ROOF AND LINK WALKWAY FROM
NEW BALCONY TO LOUNGE

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SLOW WORMS

Reasonable Avoidance Method Statement

Construction workers and staff will be made aware of the potential for protected species and will be fully briefed about their legal responsibilities towards them and how to proceed if discovered, as below.

The pile of rocks/stones (see photos in PEA) will be removed/moved by hand to avoid unnecessary injury or death to any reptiles/amphibians or animals that may be present/hibernating. Animals (if found and don't move away) will be moved to other suitable frost free areas such as leaf litter or dense undergrowth.

Checks will be made for the presence of slow worms immediately prior to the preparation of the base of the building with particular care around the removal/movement of the stones and rocks.

In the unlikely event that protected species are encountered during the construction phase then a suitably qualified ecologist will be contacted and all work cease until an assessment has been made.

If during works common reptiles/amphibians (e.g., common frogs, common toads, slow worm, grass snake), are discovered then they will be translocated to a suitable receptor site close by. A suitably qualified ecologist will carry out this process.

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT

New Rockery Basking Area

Construct new rockery mound (soil and rocks) approx 2.0 x 1.0 x 0.6m high adjacent to south boundary of the garden section in front of the new garage – with two paving slabs on top to provide basking areas for slow worms.

Base of south boundary fence to be open or raised to allow access between garden / rockery and adjoining land.

Bird and Bat Boxes

The following will be installed:-

- Three blue tit/great tit nest boxes (e.g. Schwegler 1b type) positioned 2-3m up on walls of new garage (no suitable trees available on site).
- One greater-spotted woodpecker box (open fronted) positioned 3-5m up on wall of existing house (no suitable trees available on site).
- One robin box (generic box with 2.5cm opening) positioned 2-3m up on walls of new garage (no suitable trees available on site).
- One sparrow terrace box (woodcrete or similar) positioned 2-3m up on wall of new garage
- Two bat boxes built into wall of new garage (e.g. Bat Access Panel 1FE) positioned at top of rear (south – boundary) wall.