

Great Crested Newt, Reasonable Avoidance Method Statement

**Menage at Tan House Farm, Station Road, Overton on Dee,
Wrexham, LL13 0LJ**

Introduction

This document is submitted in relation to the planning application for a menage at Tan House Farm.

The primary objective of the statement is to ensure that any works proposed do not commit an offence under the wildlife act and to ensure the favourable conservation status of amphibians is maintained and conserved.

The site is on grazed grassland. Access to the site is over existing concrete yard and grazed grassland.

The following section sets out the reasonable avoidance measures that will be followed during the construction of the menage.

Reasonable Avoidance Measures

- Prior to any work commencing staff will be made aware of the potential presence GCN and the avoidance measures to be used on site.
- All work will take place in daylight hours only.
- All excavations on site will be covered at night or ramps will be provided to allow amphibians to exit excavations.
- All excavations will be checked for amphibians each morning prior to the recommencement of works.
- Any excavated materials requiring storage will be removed from the site and stored elsewhere.
- Any exposed drains will be capped at night so as to avoid trapping amphibians.
- All stored building materials will be stored off the ground on pallets or similar, or stored within existing farm buildings.
- Where off ground storage is not possible the materials will be stored on site for the minimum amount of time possible.

Conclusion

The site is on heavily grazed grassland and does not include any potential hibernation habitat (e.g. hedgerow base, tree roots, old walls, mammal burrows, rubble piles). The proposed measures will ensure that there is minimal risk of any unacceptable impact on GCN during construction.