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Sent: 18 May 2012 09:24
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Subject: P/2012/0280 cattle building and slurry store at Kiln Farm Worthenbury

Ecology report-web, for importing please

From: William Phillips [<mailto:w.phillips@pl-agriconsulting.co.uk>]
Sent: 18 May 2012 09:05
To: Simon Greenland
Subject: RE: P/2012/0280 cattle building and slurry store at Kiln Farm Worthenbury

Dear Simon

Although the development will be close to the hedge it will not interfere with it. The proposed lagoon must be at least 10m from the ditch (EA rules)

Assuming planning permission is granted, the development will be carried out in July/August when newts are generally in the ponds and will minimise the risk.

The pasture concerned is intensive dairying including cow grazing topping and silage making.

The site can be surrounded with newt exclusion fencing if required with a finger tip search prior to work starting by qualified GCN handler.

The lagoon site is heavily trafficked by farm machinery and dairy cattle, however it may be that if GCN's are leaving their breeding ponds that they may be present on the site of the lagoon and building proposals.

Although this is unlikely as the site offers no shelter and GCN movements occur almost exclusively at night (when no work will be carried out) the following measures are proposed.

1. Prior to work starting a search is conducted by a qualified GCN handler.
2. Prior to work starting and before a search a newt fence is erected to protect any entrance to the site.
3. Machinery and any vehicle or object which might attract GCN's and provide cover is removed from the site.
4. The works are carried out as quickly as possible.

Regarding hedge planting is this absolutely necessary? – no hedges will be removed or interfered with as a result of the proposals, however hedging could be planted around the lagoon if required.

Kind regards

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I refer to the planning application for this proposal, submitted on behalf of Mr P Hampson.

The following comments have been received from our ecology officer:

The application site is within an area of high likelihood of great crested newt presence. There are 7 ponds within 500m of the application site, the closest of which are less than 200m away. The site is pasture and the proposed lagoon is immediately adjacent to a hedgeline resulting in the site having a high potential to be used as terrestrial habitat for great crested newt. The applicant should submit reasonable avoidance measures and compensation in the form of hedge planting or other habitat creation prior to approval.

I should be grateful for the additional information as soon as possible.

Thanks

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