Roger Parry & Partners LLP
23 Church Street
Oswestry
Shropshire
SY11 2SU
United Kingdom

DATE: 2nd September 2025
SITE: Land at Hillside Farm, Malpas
REFERENCE: UES04859/06

Dear Mr Humphreys,

Ecological Clerk of Works Requirement

I am writing to provide details of the requirement for an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) at Land at Hillside Farm, Malpas. A planning application has been granted with conditions by Wrexham County Borough Council on 3rd June 2025 (Reference P/2025/0086). The application is for:

"Construction of a slurry store."

This letter has been produced to discharge condition 5 of the planning permission, which states:

"Prior to the commencement of development, details of the Ecological Clerks of Works (ECoW) overseeing the Great Crested Newt method statements (RAMs) shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to protect wildlife interests in accordance with Policies DM1 and SP14, NE1 and NE2 of the Wrexham Local Development Plan."

Previous survey information:

A GCN impact assessment and eDNA analysis was undertaken by United Environmental Services (UES) Ltd in April 2025 (report reference UES04859/04). The objective of the survey was to establish the suitability of the proposed development site for GCN and provide an assessment of the likely impacts of the development, and how they can be mitigated. All ponds and aquatic features located within 250m of the site were assessed for their potential to support GCN through a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) assessment and environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis.

The eDNA results for Ponds 2 and 3 showed 0/12 positive replicates for GCN DNA, indicating that GCN are likely absent from these ponds. However, the eDNA results for Pond 1 showed 5/12 positive replicates of GCN DNA, indicating GCNs are present within this pond.

Based on the HSI scores, eDNA results and distance between Pond 1 and the site, it was considered that reasonable avoidance measures (RAMs) are to be implemented during the construction phase of the development including the requirement for a suitably licenced ecologist to be present onsite as an ECoW to provide a toolbox talk to contractors prior to any vehicle or plant access or the commencement of works onsite, and to check and remove any log, brash and rubble piles by hand.

Ecological Clerk of Works:

UES has been commissioned by Roger Parry and Partners LLP to provide a suitably licenced GCN ecologist to act as an ECoW at Land at Hillside Farm, Malpas. UES' surveyors GCN licence details from Natural Resources Wales, and their accredited agents, are summarised below:

- Toby Hart BSc MCIEEM PIEMA, UES Managing Director. Toby is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S093149/2.

- Tom Kenwright BSc MSc ACIEEM, UES Senior Ecologist. Tom is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S095290/1.

- Mark Halliwell MBiol, UES Senior Ecologist. Mark is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S094716/1.

- Kathryn James BSc MRes MCIEEM, UES Senior Project Manager. Kathryn is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S094739/1.

- Daniel Smith BSc MScRes, UES Ecologist. Daniel is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S093616/1.

- Josh Howard BSc, UES Graduate Field Ecologist. Josh is licensed by Natural Resources Wales to disturb, take and handle great crested newts under licence number S094673/1.

- Ysobella Cox BSc MBiol, UES Ecologist. Ysobella is listed as an accredited agent on the GCN survey licence of Toby Hart (S093149/2).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or another member of staff at UES.

Yours sincerely,

Ysobella Cox BSc, MBiol
UES Ecologist
United Environmental Services Ltd.