

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

<i>Is this a response to an informal consultation request?</i> Yes ☐ No ☒	
Date	<i>11/08/2017</i>
Officer responding	<i>Tom Stephenson</i>
Application number	<i>2017_92299</i>
Purpose	<i>Initial consultation response</i>
Location	<i>Land adj 15 The Haven, Woodhouse, Shelley Woodhouse Lane, Shelley, Huddersfield, HD8 8NB</i>

Assessment and Recommendation

Having reviewed the submitted ecological report I consider this to have underestimated the risk of impacts to great crested newts. There are a number of ponds to the south of the site, not separated by a barrier to dispersal of great crested newts, where this species has previously been recorded. Records of great crested newts occur within 500 m of the site.

Standing advice from Natural England (Natural England, 2015), which is a material consideration, is clear that in such situations survey for great crested newts is required. I advise that appropriate survey is undertaken, in the appropriate season, to determine the potential for impacts and the requirement for mitigation.

Based on the available information I am opposed to the proposals. And advise that granting permission would be contrary to the LPAs duty under regulation 9 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

References

Natural England. (2015, March 28). *Great crested newts: surveys and mitigation for development projects*. Retrieved August 11, 2017, from GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/great-crested-newts-surveys-and-mitigation-for-development-projects#decide-if-you-need-to-survey>