

From: [Curley, Jane](#)
To: [Planning Comments \(SMDC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SMD/2022/0592 Muller - land at oakamoor rd
Date: 22 December 2022 09:14:50
Attachments: [Outlook-Icon Desc.png](#)
[Outlook-Text Desc.png](#)
[Outlook-Graphical .png](#)

From: Madeleine Wagstaff <madeleine.wagstaff@naturespaceuk.com>
Sent: 21 December 2022 10:53
To: Swithenbank, Arne <arne.swithenbank@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk>
Cc: Emma Lawson <emma.lawson@naturespaceuk.com>
Subject: SMD/2022/0592

Good Morning Arne,

I've been reviewing the weekly list for Staffordshire Moorlands and came across the application for 'Outline Planning permissions with some matters reserved for the rection of up to 53no. dwellings' - SMD/2022/0592.

I have some comments which I feel are needed to be added to current RAMS statement produced by e3p in order to cover all eventualities which may arise throughout the development.

These are as follows:

- **Habitat clearance works will be undertaken during the spring/summer season (March to mid-June) (i.e. when temperatures are consistently above 5oC) when GCN are more likely to enter into/be present within aquatic habitat for breeding, and in order to avoid the more sensitive hibernation period (avoiding November to February, inclusive).**
- **All trenches/footings/foundations etc will be excavated individually and back filled immediately after where possible. Where this is not possible, excavations will be covered to prevent GCN becoming trapped within the excavation. If this is not possible, one or both sides of the excavation will be sloped in order to allow egress from the excavation, or a suitable ramp provided to allow animals to escape. Any trenches/footings/foundations must be checked regularly by site staff for trapped animals.**

It is also important that procedure is followed if a GCN is found on site and that this is made clear within the RAMS statement:

Procedure to follow if a great crested newt is identified (or suspected and requires professional identification by a SQE)

If at any point during construction works any protected species or signs of protected species including GCN are identified then the following instructions must be strictly adhered to:

- **Stop all works immediately and leave the area, Inform an ecologist immediately who will provide further guidance / instructions**
- **Do not try to handle a GCN**
- **Do not resume constructions works until advised it is safe to do so by an ecologist**

It should be noted that if an individual GCN is found at any point during the works, a European Protected Species Licence (EPSL) or District Licence (DL) may be required to permit works that would potentially cause disturbance and otherwise commit an offence under the relevant legislation.

If you would be able to pass these comments onto the case officer (Jane Curley) it would be much appreciated and as always if you have any questions please feel free to send them our way. We are always happy to answer any questions and are here if you need any advice on any other applications.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Madeleine Wagstaff
Assistant Newt Officer (Staffordshire)

NatureSpace Partnership

e: madeleine.wagstaff@naturespaceuk.com

m: 07462889320

w: www.naturespaceuk.com



NATURESPACE

PARTNERSHIP

Please note the NatureSpace office will be closed from the 23rd December until Tuesday 3rd January



Do you really need to print out this Email? Be green - keep it on the screen.

This email is intended for the addressee(s) only and may contain sensitive, privileged or confidential information that could be protectively marked. If you are not the addressee please do not use the information in any way. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately and delete it from your system. Thank you.

The Council may be required to disclose this email or any responses to it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The way in which we handle personal information is set out in our privacy notice and is available at <https://www.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/YourData>

Do you really need to print out this Email? Be green - keep it on the screen.

This email is intended for the addressee(s) only and may contain sensitive, privileged or confidential information that could be protectively marked. If you are not the addressee please do not use the information in any way. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately and delete it from your system. Thank you.

The Council may be required to disclose this email or any responses to it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The way in which we handle personal information is set out in our privacy notice and is available at <https://www.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/YourData>
