NatureSpace Great Crested Newt
District Licensing Scheme

District Licence Report

Tean Leys Farm

202407050

13th November 2025

Instructions for planning officers

If/when planning permission is to be granted under SMD/2025/0247:

Attach the mandatory planning conditions and informatives listed in this report (pages 9-10) to the decision notice. Wording must be transposed exactly with no alterations. *If* a certificate has already been submitted, Condition 2 in this report is irrelevant and should not be added to a planning decision notice.

An authorisation to work under the Council's District Licence can *only* be issued when:

A) Planning permission is granted, bearing correct planning conditions (see pages 9-10)
B) The NatureSpace Certificate has been submitted to support the application

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Report version

Version	Date	Description
1	13/11/2025	Original site assessment for SMD/2025/0247.

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Executive Summary

This report details the results of the assessment undertaken by NatureSpace Partnership on 13th November 2025. The assessment followed the agreed processes and protocols as set out in the District (organisational) Licence granted to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (WML-OR148) and this report summarises how the proposed development can be dealt with under the District Licence. If authorisation under the District Licence is sought, this report should be submitted to the planning authority as part of the planning application.

The impact unit score is -3.70.

There is a second stage fee requirement of £48,292 (+VAT).

There is an additional £5,000 (+VAT) outstanding from the first-stage fee of £10,000 (+VAT).

There is therefore a total outstanding fee requirements of £53,292 (+VAT).

There will be a requirement for three planning conditions relating to the great crested newt District Licence, to be attached to the planning consent, if granted (full details on p.9-10):

Condition 1 links the planning consent to the district (organisational) licence WML-OR148.

Condition 2 requires the developer to submit a certificate from NatureSpace to the planning authority. Upon receipt of the second stage payment, NatureSpace Partnership will issue that certificate to confirm that all necessary payments have been made and that the development can be covered under the District Licence.

Condition 3 imposes some working restrictions and on-site mitigation measures, including the requirement for some works to be timed to avoid sensitive periods (relating to any areas of potential hibernation habitat), fencing and trapping of newts within 100m of ponds and the use of capture methods at suitable habitat features to reduce risks to newts (see p.7) prior to development. The document 'Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles' is required by Natural England for use under the District Licences and is provided as an annex—this details District Licence requirements for methods of working and capture of newts. This condition only applies to the areas within the development boundary that are within the red zone. Please see Map 1 in this report to determine where this condition applies.

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Important note:

The planning authority may only issue a formal 'Authorisation' under the District Licence once planning permission has been granted and the NatureSpace Certificate required under condition 2 (see above and p.9-10) has been submitted to the planning authority.

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Background information

Great crested newts are a European protected species (EPS) and are protected in the UK under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and, to a certain extent, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Where works would harm this species or its habitats, a licence is required in order to make those activities lawful. Natural England is the licensing authority and has granted great crested newt 'District Licences' to certain Councils in England. This enables those Councils ('Licensees') to issue authorisations to developers for specific parcels of development land, without further application (by the developer) to Natural England. This report details whether and how the proposed development can be dealt with under the relevant District Licence and contains technical details relating to planning and licensing requirements.

Developments which utilise the District Licensing Scheme contribute proportionately (depending on the impacts of each development proposal) to the conservation strategy. This funds the creation, management, and monitoring of local compensation sites. NatureSpace and the Newt Conservation Partnership take on all responsibilities for compensation delivery, 25 years of management and monitoring, and annual reporting to Natural England.

Project reference: 202407050

Developer name/organisation: Tean Leys Energy Storage Ltd.

Site name: Tean Leys Farm

Site location: Tean Leys Farm, Tean Leys, Lower Tean, Staffordshire, ST10 4NS

Site grid reference: SK 0075 3833

Planning application reference: SMD/2025/0247

Development impact map reference (upon which this assessment is based): "Tean Leys Farm: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)", dated 13th November 2025

Consultant ecologist name & organisation: Charlie Durigan, Clarkson & Woods Ltd

Planning officer: Declan Cleary

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Date of habitat survey information (upon which this assessment is based): November 2024. Survey information to underpin a licensing assessment should be less than two years old. If more than two years has passed since the survey (e.g., by November 2026), then it may be necessary to undertake a walkover survey to confirm the assessment remains valid before an Authorisation can be issued (consult NatureSpace) to permit the start of works.

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District Licence summary

1. Confirmation the proposal can be dealt with under the District Licence: Yes

2. Location (zone): Red

3. National Character Area: Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands

4. Is any in-situ great crested newt compensation required: No

5. Are there any working restrictions relating to great crested newts: Yes—the following requirements apply in the red zones:

   - Best practice working and use of reasonable avoidance measures (see 'Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles' required under condition 17 of the District Licence)
   - Removal or disturbance of newt hibernacula must only take place during the active season (generally mid-February to mid-October, dependant on the season and weather conditions)
   - Capture of newts using hand/destructive/night searches at suitable habitat features prior to ground clearance
   - Amphibian fencing and pitfall trapping to clear newts from the site prior to works (in this case this will apply to all suitable habitats within 100 metres of ponds)

6. Required planning conditions (if consent is granted): See next page

7. Impact metric score: -3.70.

8. Financial 'second-stage' contribution required to contribute to delivery of strategic great crested newt conservation, proportionate to the impacts of the proposal: £53,292 (+VAT) – This fee is split between the £5,000 (+VAT) remainder of the first-stage fee and the £48,292 (+VAT) second-stage fee (the proportionate impact fee calculated during the assessment).

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This report confirms that, subject to the requirements listed above (sections 4 - 8), the development proposal can be covered under the District Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence') provided that the planning authority is satisfied that the proposal is not contradictory to local planning policy and planning consent is granted with the conditions listed below.

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Planning conditions and informatives

This sets out the planning requirements if planning permission is to be granted. In accordance with District Licence WML-OR148, the following planning conditions and informatives will be required, for the Council to be able to then authorise this development under the District Licence. Without these conditions, it will not be possible for the development to be authorised under the District Licence.

Conditions:

1. No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's Organisational Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence') and with the proposals detailed on plan "Tean Leys Farm: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)", dated 13th November 2025.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the Organisational Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

2. No development hereby permitted shall take place unless and until a certificate from the Delivery Partner (as set out in the District Licence WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence'), confirming that all necessary measures regarding great crested newt compensation have been appropriately dealt with, has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority and the authority has provided authorisation for the development to proceed under the district newt licence.

The delivery partner certificate must be submitted to this planning authority for approval prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved.

Reason: In order to adequately compensate for negative impacts to great crested newts, and in line with section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

3. No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with Part 1 of the Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles, as set out in the District Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence') and in addition in compliance with the following:

- Works which will affect likely newt hibernacula may only be undertaken during the active period for amphibians.

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- Capture methods must be used at suitable habitat features prior to the commencement of the development (i.e., hand/destructive/night searches), which may include the use of temporary amphibian fencing, to prevent newts moving onto a development site from adjacent suitable habitat, installed for the period of the development (and removed upon completion of the development).
- Amphibian fencing and pitfall trapping must be undertaken at suitable habitats and features, prior to commencement of the development.

Reason: In order to ensure that adverse impacts on great crested newts are adequately mitigated and to ensure that site works are delivered in full compliance with the Organisational Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence'), section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Circular 06/2005 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Informatives:

It is recommended that the NatureSpace Best Practice Principles are considered and implemented where possible and appropriate.

It is recommended that the NatureSpace certificate is submitted to this planning authority at least 6 months prior to the intended commencement of any works on site.

It is essential to note that any works or activities whatsoever undertaken on site (including ground investigations, site preparatory works or ground clearance) prior to receipt of the written authorisation from the planning authority which permits the development to proceed under the District Licence (WML-OR148, or a 'Further Licence') are not licensed under the great crested newt District Licence. Any such works or activities have no legal protection under the great crested newt District Licence and if offences against great crested newts are thereby committed then criminal investigation and prosecution by the police may follow.

It is essential to note that any ground investigations, site preparatory works and ground / vegetation clearance works / activities (where not constituting development under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) in a red zone site authorised under the District Licence but which fail to respect controls equivalent to those detailed in the planning condition above which refers to the NatureSpace great crested newt mitigation principles would give rise to separate criminal liability under the District Licence, requiring authorised developers to comply with the District Licence and (in certain cases) with the GCN Mitigation Principles (for which Natural England is the enforcing authority); and may also give rise to criminal liability under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and/or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) (for which the Police would be the enforcing authority).

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Activities and operations under a District Licence

The District Licence contains a 'Protocol for activities and operations affecting great crested newts within the licensed area' (see Annex B of the licence) – which contains a list of activities, operations, and licensable acts. The full list does not apply in every authorisation under the District Licence. This report details the activities, methods and acts which would be permitted for the proposed development, based on the impacts as assessed.

Permitted activities and operations under the District Licence (subject to receiving planning consent and written authorisation from the planning authority)**:**

A4—Terrestrial habitat creation, enhancement, reinstatement, and management

A5—Capture, exclusion, and relocation of great crested newts from terrestrial and aquatic habitat. Permitted methods:

- by hand,
- hand searches of suitable features,
- destructive searches,
- bottle traps,
- pitfall traps and refuges,
- night/torch searching,
- nets,
- exclusion fencing (including exclusion by, upright and one-way temporary amphibian fencing)
- drift fencing
- ring-fencing water body

Note this includes fence installation and removal. Note also that the above activities may only be carried out by someone with an appropriate great crested newt licence. Further details are contained in the NatureSpace Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles/Best Practice principles.

A6—Relocating great crested newts at imminent risk of harm on Development Land. Permitted methods:

- by hand,
- hand searches,
- destructive searches

A7—Site clearance—including removal of vegetation, hard-standing, buildings and landscaping

A8—Removal of rubble and log piles and other potential hibernacula

A11—Construction activities

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Note that in this case, the aquatic activities and operations referenced in A5 are not required under the licence, but will be included in the authorisation, to legally permit those activities should you have need for them.

Licensable acts which would be made lawful by an authorisation for the proposed development under the District Licence:

Capture; Possess; Transport; Disturb; Killing & injuring; Damage & destroy resting places.

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Protocol Conditions

Annex B of the District Licence is a 'Protocol for activities and operations affecting great crested newts within the licensed area' and includes a number of additional 'Protocol conditions'. The full list does not apply in every authorisation under the District Licence. This report details the 'Protocol conditions' which would apply to this site, based on the impacts as assessed.

Protocol conditions (which would apply upon authorisation)**:**

P1 Before any works commence on a site in the Red Zone all those persons involved with the licensable works are to be briefed by someone suitably experienced by way of a 'tool box talk' on:

a. how to identify great crested newts
b. what to do should great crested newts be found, including good working practices and
c. what is and is not permitted under the licence.

P2 Certain activities permitted by this licence require ecological expertise. Activities subject to this condition can only be carried out by an ecologist with an appropriate great crested newt Survey Licence or under the direct supervision of such a person.

P3 Where licence or protocol conditions refer to publications, licence users are expected to refer to the most up to date iteration available. Natural England can direct users to the relevant iterations.

P4 The biosecurity guidelines in Amphibian Disease Precautions: A guide for UK fieldworkers, Advice Note 4 (available from www.arguk.org) must be observed by all licence users.

P5 Great crested newts must not be relocated outside the Licensed Area, over a distance greater than 1 kilometre or beyond a significant physical barrier to dispersal without the permission of Natural England.

Note: the 'Licensed Area' refers to the district covered by the Planning Authority's District Licence. See the NatureSpace Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles for full detail about protocols for translocation of newts under the District Licence.

P6 Any animal listed in Schedule 9 Part 1 (but not Part 1A or 1B) of the 1981 Act which is a species which is not ordinarily resident in England in a wild state, that is caught in a trap set under this licence must not be released or allowed to escape back into the wild; it must be humanely despatched, unless a specific licence to release that species has been obtained, or alternative advice has been provided by Natural England.

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P8 Persons capturing newts under this licence are expected to follow the advice on welfare considerations for capture programmes in the 'Great Crested Newt Mitigation Guidelines' available from Natural England.

P11 Great crested newts are not to be translocated to Compensation Land or other locations within the Licensed Area unless the terrestrial and/or aquatic habitats are suitable for great crested newts. The suitability of the site is to be confirmed by a suitably qualified person (e.g., an ecologist with a great crested newt survey licence).

P12 Any licensable activities in the red zone must be carried out in accordance with the approved Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles.

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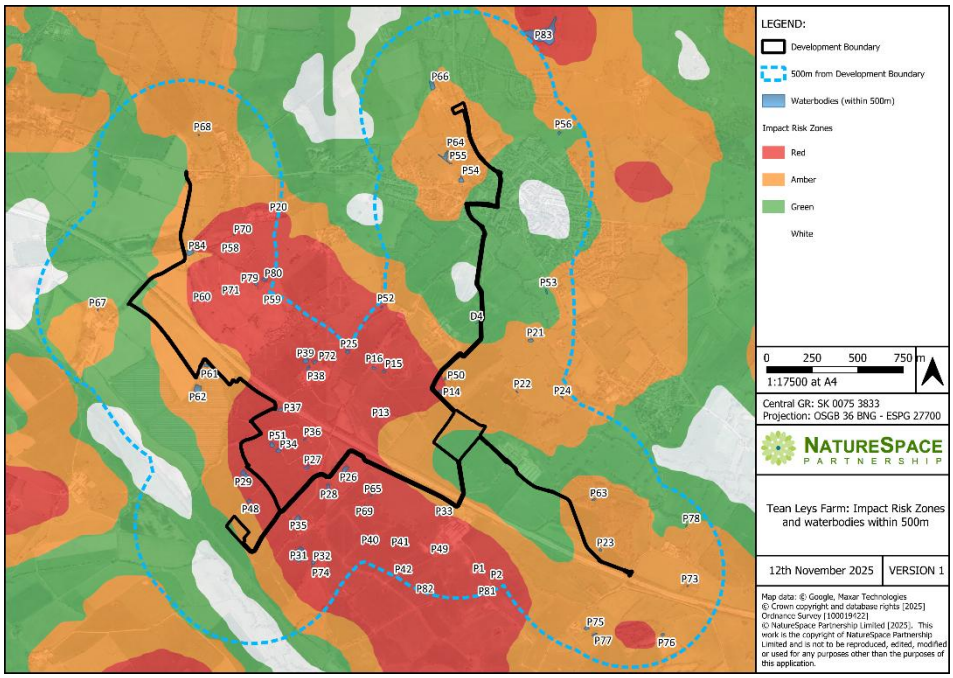
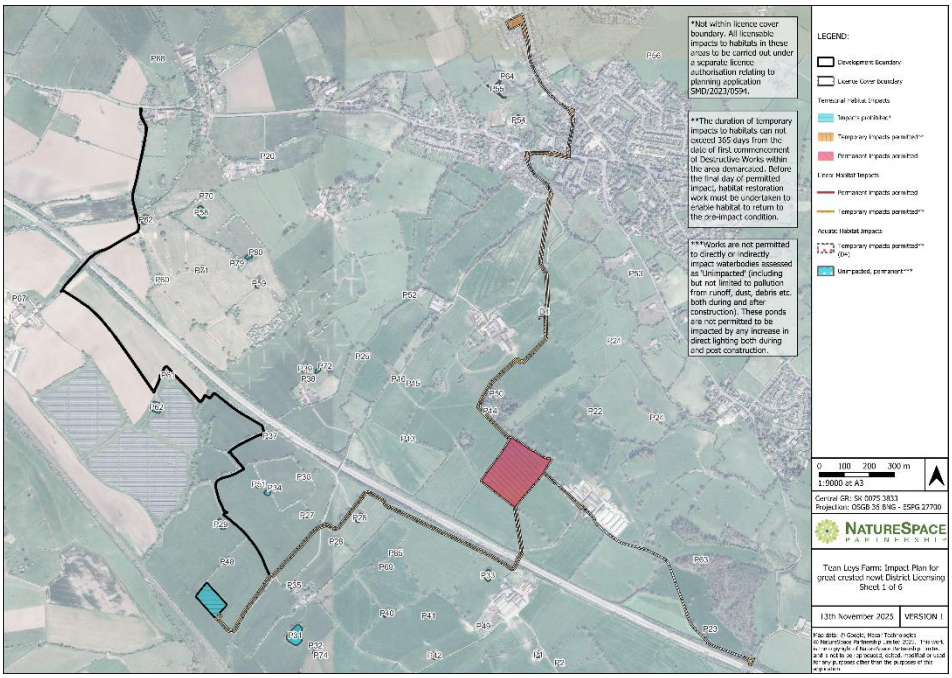
Maps

Map 1— Development Site Location Plan - Impact Risk Zones and ponds within 500m



Map 2— Development Impact Plan - as assessed under the District Licensing protocols - provided by NatureSpace on 13th November 2025



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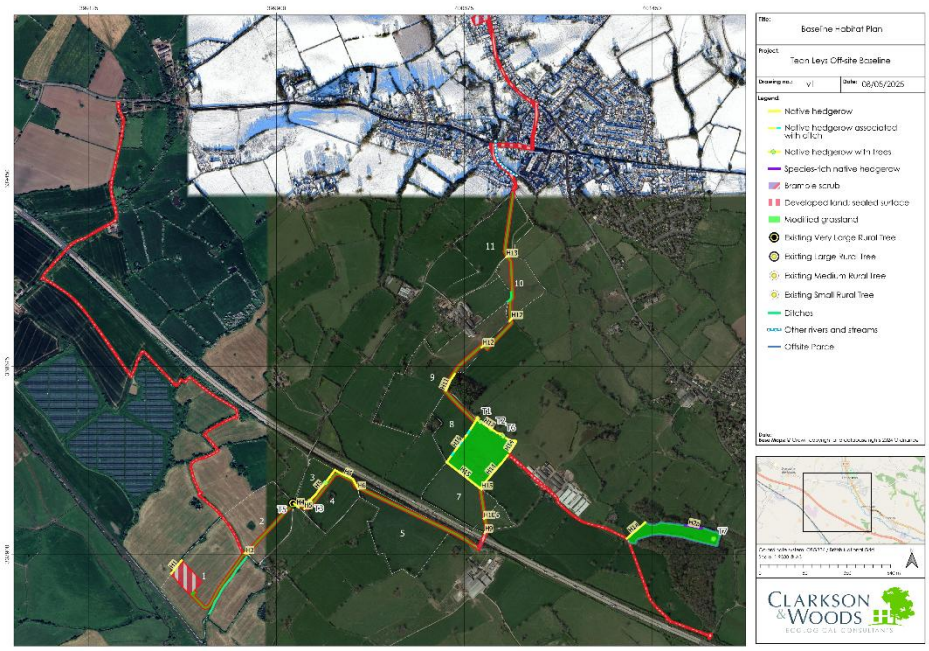
Map 3 — On-site habitat plan – provided by Clarkson & Woods Ltd on 8th May 2025



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Aquatic impacts

In this section, the aquatic impacts of the proposed development are summarised. Impacts on aquatic habitat may be direct or indirect. Waterbodies on the development site and up to 500 metres away are considered, depending on the presence of barriers to newt movement.

Total number of great crested newt-accessible waterbodies within 500m: 65

Number unimpacted: 64

Number temporarily impacted: 1

Number damaged: 0

Number lost: 0

Number degraded: 0

Pond details:

Waterbody ref	HSI score*	Peak count (if available)	Pond area (m^2)	Distance from development site (m)	Pond impact	Duration**
D4	0.7	N/A	72	0	Permitted	Temporary (<1 year)
P1	0.5	N/A	330	340	Prohibited	Permanent
P2	0.5	N/A	159	410	Prohibited	Permanent
P13	0.5	N/A	408	250	Prohibited	Permanent
P14	0.7	N/A	213	15	Prohibited	Permanent
P15	0.5	N/A	199	265	Prohibited	Permanent
P16	0.5	N/A	243	325	Prohibited	Permanent
P20	0.5	N/A	174	485	Prohibited	Permanent
P21	0.5	N/A	399	255	Prohibited	Permanent
P22	0.5	N/A	71	255	Prohibited	Permanent
P23	0.7	N/A	153	35	Prohibited	Permanent

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Waterbody ref	HSI score*	Peak count (if available)	Pond area (m^2)	Distance from development site (m)	Pond impact	Duration
P24	0.5	N/A	145	450	Prohibited	Permanent
P25	0.5	N/A	316	480	Prohibited	Permanent
P26	0.7	N/A	732	30	Prohibited	Permanent
P27	0.7	N/A	318	55	Prohibited	Permanent
P28	0.7	N/A	412	35	Prohibited	Permanent
P29	0.7	N/A	930	25	Prohibited	Permanent
P31	0.7	N/A	3349	190	Prohibited	Permanent
P32	0.5	N/A	369	295	Prohibited	Permanent
P33	0.7	N/A	814	50	Prohibited	Permanent
P34	0.7	N/A	426	125	Prohibited	Permanent
P35	0.7	N/A	600	75	Prohibited	Permanent
P36	0.7	N/A	104	205	Prohibited	Permanent
P37	0.7	N/A	328	15	Prohibited	Permanent
P38	0.5	N/A	247	250	Prohibited	Permanent
P39	0.5	N/A	684	270	Prohibited	Permanent
P40	0.5	N/A	439	370	Prohibited	Permanent
P41	0.5	N/A	263	315	Prohibited	Permanent
P42	0.5	N/A	567	445	Prohibited	Permanent
P48	0.7	N/A	286	105	Prohibited	Permanent
P49	0.7	N/A	332	245	Prohibited	Permanent
P50	0.7	N/A	107	30	Prohibited	Permanent
P51	0.7	N/A	558	75	Prohibited	Permanent
P52	0.5	N/A	77	475	Prohibited	Permanent
P53	0.5	N/A	186	350	Prohibited	Permanent
P54	0.7	N/A	605	115	Prohibited	Permanent

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Waterbody ref	HSI score*	Peak count (if available)	Pond area (m^2)	Distance from development site (m)	Pond impact	Duration
P55	0.7	N/A	1040	145	Prohibited	Permanent
P56	0.5	N/A	188	375	Prohibited	Permanent
P58	0.7	N/A	1270	235	Prohibited	Permanent
P59	0.5	N/A	864	455	Prohibited	Permanent
P60	0.7	N/A	328	205	Prohibited	Permanent
P61	0.7	N/A	323	10	Prohibited	Permanent
P62	0.7	N/A	1359	35	Prohibited	Permanent
P63	0.7	N/A	140	115	Prohibited	Permanent
P64	0.7	N/A	41	135	Prohibited	Permanent
P65	0.7	N/A	102	145	Prohibited	Permanent
P66	0.7	N/A	1124	145	Prohibited	Permanent
P67	0.7	N/A	42	165	Prohibited	Permanent
P68	0.7	N/A	43	205	Prohibited	Permanent
P69	0.7	N/A	31	215	Prohibited	Permanent
P70	0.5	N/A	39	285	Prohibited	Permanent
P71	0.5	N/A	238	290	Prohibited	Permanent
P72	0.5	N/A	284	300	Prohibited	Permanent
P73	0.5	N/A	58	310	Prohibited	Permanent
P74	0.5	N/A	52	310	Prohibited	Permanent
P75	0.5	N/A	376	360	Prohibited	Permanent
P76	0.5	N/A	201	360	Prohibited	Permanent
P77	0.5	N/A	238	365	Prohibited	Permanent
P78	0.5	N/A	61	385	Prohibited	Permanent
P79	0.5	N/A	258	405	Prohibited	Permanent
P80	0.5	N/A	369	440	Prohibited	Permanent

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Waterbody ref	HSI score*	Peak count (if available)	Pond area (m^2)	Distance from development site (m)	Pond impact	Duration
P81	0.5	N/A	103	470	Prohibited	Permanent
P82	0.5	N/A	443	480	Prohibited	Permanent
P83	0.5	N/A	10917	500	Prohibited	Permanent
P84	0.7	N/A	1010	15	Prohibited	Permanent

* If HSI score is not available, a score of 0.7 is assumed for waterbodies within 250m of the development site and a HSI score of 0.5 for waterbodies 250-500m from the development site.

** A temporarily impacted classification means that there is a reduction in the suitability of a waterbody for great crested newts as a result of development works (construction phase). In this case, D4 is considered temporarily impacted in this assessment due to proximity to direct development impacts (dust, debris, runoff etc) during the 12-month construction period of the nearby cable route works.

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Terrestrial impacts

This part of the report summarises the terrestrial impacts. Impacts on linear terrestrial habitats are assessed and summarised separately from general terrestrial habitat impacts. Impacts on terrestrial habitats may be direct or indirect.

Hibernation features present on site? Yes

Terrestrial impact details:

Habitat type	Area (ha) affected	Impacts permitted / prohibited?	Impact duration
Developed land; sealed surface	1.758	Permitted	Temporary (<1 year)
Developed land; sealed surface	0.617	Prohibited*	Permanent
Arable	0.142	Prohibited*	Permanent
Modified grassland	4.123	Permitted	Permanent
Modified grassland	2.770	Permitted	Temporary (<1 year)
Modified grassland	1.261	Prohibited*	Permanent
Bramble scrub	0.040	Permitted	Temporary (<1 year)
TOTAL:	**10.712 ha**		

*Areas where impacts are prohibited are within the planning red line boundary, but are considered unimpacted by the works proposal and are not included within the licence cover area.

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	Permanent		Temporary	
Total terrestrial habitat with permitted impact:	**Total area (ha)**	**Good/moderate terrestrial area (ha)**	**Total area (ha)**	**Good/moderate terrestrial area (ha)**
Within 50m of a pond:	0	0	0.492	0.492
50-250m from a pond:	1.668	1.668	2.142	2.142
250m+ from a pond:	2.455	2.455	0.177	0.177
TOTAL:	**4.123 ha**	**4.123 ha**	**2.810 ha**	**2.810 ha**

Linear Habitats	**Length (km) affected**	**Impacts permitted / prohibited?**	**Impact duration**
Native hedgerow with trees	0.393	Permitted	Temporary (<1 year)
Native hedgerow with trees	0.582	Permitted	Permanent
Native hedgerow associated with ditch	0.210	Permitted	Permanent
TOTAL:	**1.186 km**		

	Permanent	Temporary
Total linear habitat with permitted impact:	**Length (km)**	**Length (km)**
Within 50m of a pond:	0	0.168
50-250m from a pond:	0.315	0.221
250m+ from a pond:	0.478	0.004
TOTAL:	**0.793 km**	**0.393 km**

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Landscape-Level Assessment

Connectivity assessment: Highly connected to waterbodies and priority habitats for migration and dispersal with low levels of fragmentation and no permeability barriers

Range assessment: Low impact to wider landscape great crested newt distribution/range

Contribution to Strategic Opportunity Area: Site is located within a Strategic Opportunity Area and is of moderate importance

Prospects assessment: Moderate

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Other relevant information:

The terrestrial habitats marked as 'unimpacted' on plan "Tean Leys Farm: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)", dated 13th November 2025, are not included in this licence coverage as all licensable impacts in these areas will be carried out under a separate licence authorisation relating to planning application SMD/2023/0594.

The duration of the cable route phase is expected to last less than twelve months. As such, impacts across these areas of site are considered 'temporary', with it a requirement of the licence that habitats need to return to their pre-development condition or better for great crested newts within a year of breaking ground in this area. Similarly, where there is a reduction in the suitability of a waterbody for great crested newts as a result of development works, this has been considered a temporary impact due to the timescale of construction.

An obligation will be applied to the parts of the site that are within the red zone to adhere to the GCN Mitigation Principles to reduce risk of harm to great crested newts. The required sub-clauses of condition 3 are to be executed at the discretion of the site ecologist who should determine which habitats are suitable for great crested newt and therefore where the mitigation requirements apply.

The requirement that removal or disturbance of newt hibernacula must only take place during the active season (generally mid-February to mid-October, dependant on the season and weather conditions) has been triggered. This applies to likely great crested newt hibernacula that would need to be identified by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist before they undertake a 'tool box talk' and advise on-site personnel accordingly.

The requirement for capture methods to be used at suitable habitat features has been triggered in this case because the proposals involve removal of suitable habitat within 100m of ponds. It is the responsibility of the ecologist acting as an accredited agent under a District Licence authorisation to use their professional discretion to identify any suitable habitats where mitigation requirements will apply, during their site walkover before works begin. It is advisable that detailed records are kept of any decision-making regarding the implementation of mitigation measures during site works.

The requirement for amphibian fencing, pitfall trapping and the use of capture methods at suitable habitats and features has been triggered in this case due to the damage to terrestrial habitats close to great crested newt waterbodies. It is the responsibility of the ecologist acting as an accredited agent under a District Licence authorisation to use their professional discretion to identify any suitable habitats where mitigation requirements will apply, and which methods are most appropriate for those habitats.

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It is recommended that current management practices persist on-site during the timeframe between this Report issue and Authorisation under the District Licence. This is to ensure the site does not become more suitable for great crested newts in the interim period.

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Planning appeals

In the event that the proposed development is refused, and a subsequent appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate, the District Licence documents will need to be reconfirmed by NatureSpace and then submitted to PINs as part of the appeal documentation. The applicant should contact NatureSpace in the event of an appeal to expedite this. Failure to do so could mean that the development would not be able to receive authorisation under the District Licence if approved at appeal.

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District Licence – Conditions of use

Once authorised, a developer becomes an 'Authorised Developer' under the Council's District Licence, which includes certain conditions of use (in addition to any planning conditions). When working under a District Licence, Authorised Developers are advised to retain ecological support from an appropriate ecological consultant, and it is recommended that that the NatureSpace 'Best Practice Principles' are adhered to.

There are some specific licence conditions for Authorised Developers to note:

- Authorised Developers authorise (in writing) their employees, officers, or contractors to act under the District Licence as Accredited Agents or Assistants.
- Authorised Developers must ensure that all persons working under the District Licence have the appropriate knowledge, training, and experience to undertake licensed activities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence and best practice. For example, where capture of newts is required, this operation must be undertaken by, or supervised by, someone with the appropriate experience and training (and licence to handle newts).
- All persons working under the licence must comply with the terms and conditions of the licence.
- In the red zone, Authorised Developers must comply with the approved Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles (the separate 'Best Practice Principles' are a recommendation for all developments operating under a District Licence and the 'Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles' are a mandatory requirement in the red zone).
- Authorised Developers may (on application to the Planning Authority) request a transfer of an authorisation to another developer.
- Authorised Developers must keep certain records and provide these to the Planning Authority or to NatureSpace in a timely manner. Records must be kept of:
    - All persons, companies and organisations authorised to act under the licence and in what capacity
    - Details of licensed activities: dates work commenced and was completed; aquatic and terrestrial impacts; any in-situ compensations; details of any great crested newts captured/moved, etc.
    - Any changes to development land (including management changes)
    - Any surveying/monitoring information
    - Any incidents or reports of activities in breach of the licence or the great crested newt planning conditions (including details of action taken, such as disciplinary and remedial actions)

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- Any other material plans or records relating to the use of the District Licence.

- Authorised Developers must permit an officer of Natural England reasonable access to monitor work being undertaken under the authority of the District Licence.
- Natural England must be informed of any breaches to the District Licence within 48 hours of any person becoming aware of a breach. The Licensee will take any necessary steps to address any breaches or poor practice.
- A failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the District Licence by an Authorised Developer, their Accredited Agents or Assistants will, by default, render the authorisation for the development site null and void.

Important:

This report is not an authorisation to work under a District Licence.

Authorisations are only issued by the Licensee, in writing and only for developments that are in receipt of a valid planning permission, and which have paid any necessary compensatory payments to the Compensation Scheme.

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