

Hi David,

Thanks for confirming, I've now found the email under the 'documents' tab!
I'll respond in full as soon EAD have had chance to review and advise.

Thanks
Olivia

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Subject: RE: 22/03560/OUT Land South of Bowden Road

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Olivia

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you further in due course.

I have just checked the website and the representation about the GCNs is under the 'documents' section (rather than the 'Comments' section) because it was sent to my inbox directly rather than through the online system.

Regards
Dave

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From: Olivia Davis <OliviaDavis@boyerplanning.co.uk>
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Hi David,

Thanks for making us aware of the recent public comment regarding Great Crested Newts. We will seek advice from EAD and get back to you once we've agreed a way forward. As you say, this may be in the form of additional surveying and/or an addendum to the main report but we will confirm once known.

I've searched the planning register but I can't find the email within the recent uploads, are you able to send us a copy in the meantime please?

Many thanks
Olivia

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The Council has today received an email from a local resident living at Combe Hill House (BA8 0LL) adjacent to the site that he has Great Crested Newts in his garden pond, which apparently have been

there since he moved to the property four years ago. He has today registered their presence with the council and I have uploaded his email (redacted) onto the website.

I have contacted Somerset Ecology Services as to the appropriate course of action in response to this presence of GCNs having been identified. SES has pointed out that the submitted EclA for this development ruled out GCN due to lack of records and lack of suitable habitat for GCN. However, given that there is now a record of GCN in the (very) local area, an updated evaluation on GCN should be sought - perhaps an addendum to the main report. EAD ecology should be made aware of this new record. They may decide to do another walkover of the site to evaluate the site for GCN, or they may be able to advise something without a walkover (they've been to site, so they should have a better idea of what is required). Whatever EAD's advice, if you can let me know and I'll go back to SES with any updated documentation with a request for further formal comments and any possible update of the recommended conditions.

Mindful any updated documentation will be in the public domain, it might be worth noting the protection around GCN as well:

GCN are designated and protected as European protected species (EPS). EPS are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. It is an offence to:

- deliberately kill, injure, disturb or capture them
- deliberately take or destroy their eggs
- damage or destroy their breeding sites and resting places - even if GCN are not present
- possess, control or transport them (alive or dead)

It is also an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to intentionally or recklessly:

- disturb GCN while they occupy a structure or place used for shelter or protection
- obstruct access to a place of shelter or protection

GCN are listed as rare and most threatened species under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006).

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