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Hi Helen

I don't think there is anything to be particularly concerned about here as the ground to be included within the curtilage looks fairly disturbed/improved already, despite lying adjacent to an extensive area of broadleaf woodland or reasonably long standing. Have cc'd in Mark in case he has any comments in this regard.

There are local records of Great Crested Newt, which are a protected species. The conversion to domestic curtilage does not of itself pose a threat to the ongoing use of the site by newts, but it will be important that precautions are taken when the summer house is being erected to ensure newts do not come to harm. This could be secured by condition to ensure;

- Piles of materials temporarily created during the construction phase should be stored on pallets or otherwise off the ground. Where this is not possible, piles of rubble, wood or other materials in situ by the end of October must not then be disturbed until March of the following year so that any hibernating newts are not harmed. Out with of this time, any piles of material (including stone, wood etc) should be dismantled by hand to give any resting newts time to escape.
- Where vegetation clearance is required to enable construction to take place, this must be done in stages to ensure resting newts are able to escape the area. All coarse or large vegetation should first be cut down (by hand tools wherever possible) to a height of 30cm (1 foot) from the ground, cuttings removed and left undisturbed for at least 24 hours. Following this, or where grasses or light vegetation, the sward should then be cut down to a height of 10cm from the ground, and again left for at least 24 hours. Following this, vegetation can be cut to ground level or removed as required. This process will encourage any newts that may be present to leave the area and reduce the risk of accidental harm being caused.

Many thanks

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