
***Reptile Reasonable Avoidance
Method Statement – an
Amphibian Conservation
Scheme (Construction and
Operation)***

Erection of a free range egg
production unit (extension)
including silos and associated
works at Drewern, Hundred
House

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1. Introduction

- This document is submitted in relation to the planning application for a new free range poultry building at Drewern, Hundred House.
- The primary objectives of this statement is to ensure that any works or operation of the scheme proposed does not commit an offence under the wildlife act and to ensure that the favourable conservation status of amphibians is maintained and conserved.
- The following chapter sets out the reasonable avoidance measures that will be followed during the construction period and operation of the development.

2. Reasonable Avoidance Measures During Construction

- Prior to any works commencing on site, all staff working on site will be made aware of the potential presence of amphibians and reptiles on or surrounding the site and their respective status as potential UK and European Protected Species.
- Vegetation clearance will be undertaken in phases, in order to encourage any amphibians/reptiles to move out of the working area. This clearance work will take place between March and October to ensure the amphibians are at their most active.
- The existing field is heavily grazed and therefore no areas within the development site has grass over 150mm, and therefore no areas shall need to be strimmed prior to any works.
- Edge habitats where there is long vegetation are not to be developed are to be retained throughout the development.
- For any storage of materials, the following measures will take place:
 - Wherever practical, materials due to be stored on ground will be stored in skips, pallets or raised off the ground.
 - Where off ground storage is not feasible, materials will be stored on site for a minimum amount of time possible and placed on sheeting.
- All transport/spreading or bunding of topsoil will be done during daylight hours only.
- Trenches or other holes in the ground which have the capacity to trap amphibians/reptiles will be covered before darkness.
- Building of structures at ground level will aim to minimise the number of gaps where amphibians could enter, and these structures will be completed as soon as feasible.

- All materials when transported on site are to be lifted rather than dragged along the ground.

3. Design Principles to Reduce Post Construction Impacts

- Avoid any vertical kerbs, walls and fences that form a hard barrier flush with ground level.
- Main ground surfaces will be hard standing, tree planting and amenity grassland, which allows easy dispersal.
- An image of a variety of amphibians and reptiles will be displayed on the display board in the shed, stating that if any of these are seen in and around the site, they shall phone an ecological consultant (of which a telephone number will be provided).

4. Conclusion

- In light of the proposed measures that will be implemented during construction and operation, there is minimal risk of any unacceptable impact on amphibians/reptiles occurring during construction or operation