

Ecology response for F/24/97451 UTILITA BOWL, MARSHALL DRIVE, WEST END,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3XH

Temporary change of use for 12-month period for the storage and cleaning of up to 9 buses used in event day services with associated welfare cabin and portable toilet (retrospective application).

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This site is in a red impact risk zone for great crested newts.

Red (highly suitable habitat) or **Amber** (suitable habitat, likely to be present) – *When development falls into the red or amber zones on the impact risk map, developers MUST prove to their local planning authorities that their development plans pose 'no risk' to great crested newts, this can be done in one of three ways:*

1. Demonstrate that newts don't occur on your site (usually by commissioning an ecological consultant to carry out a site assessment).
2. Apply to Natural England for a Standard Licence – this can only be done after planning permission. You will need to commission an ecologist to carry out a survey and design a great crested newt mitigation scheme.
3. Join the NatureSpace District Licence Scheme, which usually provides the quickest, most certain and least risky option where a licence is required.

There are records of common reptiles on the wider site which could have been affected by the proposed activities.

The activities proposed could have an ecological impact on the watercourses, ponds and Telegraph Woods SINC which is very close to the site. Storage of dry equipment such as barriers and cones is quite different to washing and storing buses, a welfare unit and portable toilet.

Further information is required on surface water drainage, and how any water used on site will be filtered/cleaned before it leaves the site in accord with EBC local plan policy DM6.

Although this is a temporary application, this use of the site may affect the habitats on or adjacent to the site, which will need to be determined by a suitably qualified ecologist. A preliminary ecological appraisal is required

If 10% biodiversity net gain is not required, then some biodiversity enhancements will still be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF paragraph 180.

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