Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

GREAT CRESTED NEWT LICENCE

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

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Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.

Natural England Licence Ref:	**2026-01089-EPS-DLL**
Natural England Enquiry Ref:	**DLL-ENQ-CAMB-00142**

Natural England grants this licence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) for the purpose of

Imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment, under Regulation 55(2)(e) and under section 16(3)(j)

to:

Company Name:	Hargrave Farming Ltd
Company Contact Name:	John Brotherton
OR	
Individual Name:	
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County:	Northamptonshire
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"the Licensee"

Between the dates of:

19/06/2026	and	**18/06/2028**	inclusive

"the Licence Period"

Project Description:

Licensable activities associated with development works. Consented by: The Planning Inspectorate under reference number 22/02534/FUL (granted at appeal APP/H0520/W/23/3333752) And; Natural England's Impact Assessment & Conservation Payment Certificate reference number: DLL-ENQ-CAMB-00142

At (locations):

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
Redwood Lodge Graham Road, Ellington Thorpe	Cambridgeshire	TL 16993 70321

The area of which is more particularly shown on the Plan attached to this licence. **"the Project"**

For the following Species; activities and methods:

Species Common Name ***(Taxonomic Name)***	**Activity**	**Method**
Great crested newt *(Triturus cristatus)*	Injure Kill (all life stages)	Infrastructure works
Great crested newt *(Triturus cristatus)*	Capture; Disturb; Transport up to 2 km Damage breeding site; Damage resting place; Destroy breeding site; and Destroy resting place. .	Infrastructure works; Bottle trapping (by a licensed ecologist); Hand search (by a licensed ecologist) Destructive search (by a licensed ecologist); Draining down of ponds (by a licensed ecologist); and Destruction of ponds. .

"the Licensed Activities"

The Licensee is hereby granted licence to carry out the Licensed Activities in connection with the Project within the area shown on the Plan within the Licence Period subject always to the Licence Conditions and to any term or requirement of this licence that expresses conditionality.

Signature: David Harrington

(for and on behalf of Natural England)

Date: 19/06/2026

Documents referred to in the licence:

1. Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate
2. Plan showing red line boundary of development site
3. Report of Action Form
4. 'Guidance for works carried out under great crested newt district level licensing'

WARNING

- **This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Any departure from the conditions of this licence may be an offence under that legislation;**
- **This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;**
- **This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.**
- **Bodies corporate and their directors/secretaries are liable for offences under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) d Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).**

LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The Licensee is required to notify Natural England within two weeks of being granted Reserved Matters or Full Planning Permission from the Consenting Authority. The Licensee must provide the planning reference number for verification. This must be emailed to Natural England with the licence reference number for the Site.

2. The Licensee is responsible for ensuring that all Licensed Activities are carried out in full compliance with all terms, requirements and conditions of this Licence.

3. No other officer employee or agent of the Licensee shall carry out Licensed Activities on the Licensee's behalf unless so authorised by the Licensee in writing. While engaged in Licensed Activities such persons shall be in possession of a true copy of the written authorisation and shall make it available for inspection on demand by any constable or an officer of Natural England.

4. Notwithstanding any authorisation by the Licensee, the Licensee shall be responsible for the acts of authorised persons.

5. While engaged in Licensed Activities the Licensee or any person authorised by it shall be in possession of a true copy of this Licence and shall make it available for inspection on demand to any constable or an officer of Natural England.

6. The Licensee and any persons authorised by it may only carry out Licensed Activities in connection with the Project within the area shown on the Plan within the Licence Period (see Note 4, below).

7. The Licensee must obtain the prior consent of all owners/occupiers of the site of the Project

before commencing Licensed Activities.

8. This Licence authorises activities summarised in the Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate referred to under the heading “Project Description”’ above. No Licensed Activities may be carried out until the Conservation Payment set out in that Certificate shall have been made in full to Natural England together with VAT thereon and receipt thereof acknowledged by Natural England.

9. The Licensee shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site of the Project for monitoring purposes and to be present during any Licensed Activities for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this Licence are being, or have been, complied with. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.

10. All Licensed Activities shall be carried out in compliance with animal welfare law so as to avoid unnecessary suffering to any species under the control of man (see Note 6, below). The Licensee or any person authorised by it shall also have regard to the ‘Guidance for works carried out under great crested newt district level licensing’ and any other relevant published guidelines, unless otherwise agreed with Natural England.

    For the avoidance of doubt, measures outlined in the ‘Guidance for works carried out under great crested newt district level licensing’ are not mandatory but if implemented fall within the scope of the Licensed Activities.

11. If great crested newts are to be transported from the site of the Project they shall be released no more than 2km from their point of origin. All other consents necessary for the relocation of great crested newts must have been secured prior to their removal from the site.

12. If opted to be undertaken (with the intention of capturing great crested newts), hand searching, destructive searching, bottle trapping and pond drain down may only be carried out by a licensed great crested newt ecologist or under their direct supervision.

13. All records and photographs created in the course of carrying out Licensed Activities must be made available for inspection at any reasonable time by Natural England.

14. The Licensee must submit a written report of actions taken under this Licence, even if no action is taken, and send it to the Natural England officer at the address shown at the top of the Report of Action Form, to arrive not later than 14 days after the expiry of this Licence. Failure to make reports may result in the refusal to grant subsequent licences. If it is anticipated that a further licence will be required a Report of Action Form must be submitted at the same time as an application for a further licence is submitted (see Note 5, below).

15. A person authorised by the Licensee shall provide the Licensee with such information as is within his/her knowledge and is necessary for the full and accurate completion of the Report of Action Form.

NOTES

1. Under Regulation 60 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a licence condition. This includes all persons authorised to act under this Licence. Failure to comply with a condition of a licence issued under The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) could result in offences being committed.

2. Any person who provided a false statement or information to obtain this Licence is guilty of an offence and may be liable to prosecution.

3. Please read the details of this Licence carefully to ensure that you comply with it paying particular attention to the extent of the area in which Licensed Activities are permitted, as shown on the Plan, and to the Licence Period.

4. This Licence is valid for two years from its date of issue. If there are Licensed Activities yet to be undertaken at the date of expiry of this Licence they will **not be lawful** if carried out after expiry unless a further licence is obtained with a commencement date not later than the date of expiry of this Licence.

5. If it is anticipated that a further licence will be necessary the Licensee is advised to contact Natural England a minimum of two months prior to the expiry of this Licence.

6. For example, under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to an animal under the control of man (section 4). This applies to the treatment of animals (including non-target species) held in traps or nets etc.