

Construction Method Statement (Ecological Protection)

Proposed Development: Construction of Tennis Court

Site: Lordswood House, Commonwood Lane, Sherston, SN16 0PX

Applicant: Mr J Gay

Date: April 2026

1. Purpose

This Construction Method Statement (CMS) sets out proportionate precautionary measures to protect bats, nesting birds, great crested newts, and ancient / priority habitat woodland during construction. All works will be undertaken in accordance with this CMS.

2. Site Context

The tennis court is located within maintained residential garden land adjacent to ancient woodland. No works are proposed within the woodland. A minimum 15m buffer will be maintained throughout construction.

3. Woodland Protection

- 15m buffer clearly demarcated with posts and barrier tape
- Functions as ecological exclusion zone
- No storage, plant, spoil, fuel or activity within buffer
- No changes to woodland drainage
- Daily inspection by designated Biodiversity Champion

4. Protected Species – Precautionary Measures

General Good Practice:

- Site kept tidy and free from debris
- Materials stored on pallets where possible
- Excavations covered overnight or fitted with escape ramps
- Works cease immediately if protected species encountered

Nesting Birds:

- Vegetation clearance outside March–August where possible
- Pre-works checks if clearance required within nesting season
- Active nests protected until fledging

Bats:

- No removal of mature trees or woodland edge vegetation

- No night working
- No permanent lighting; temporary lighting directed away from woodland

Great Crested Newts (GCN):

- Phased vegetation clearance (April–October where applicable)
- Construction exclusion zone maintained with protective controls
- Woodland buffer contributes to ecological protection
- Site maintained tidy to avoid refuges
- Excavations covered or ramped; daily inspection
- All personnel briefed on protected species procedures
- Immediate cessation of works if GCN encountered and ecologist consulted

5. Construction Working Methods

- Access via existing driveway only
- No vehicle access into woodland
- Excavation limited to tennis court footprint
- Stockpiles located away from woodland buffer
- Working hours: Mon–Fri 08:00–17:00, Sat 08:00–13:00

6. Pollution Prevention

- No fuel storage within 15m of woodland
- Spill kits maintained on site
- No cement washout on bare ground
- Refuelling on hardstanding only

7. Compliance

The development will be carried out in full accordance with this CMS and approved plans.