

**Redditch Borough Council
Planning Committee**

**Committee Updates
15th September 2021**

21/00444/FUL The Alexandra Hospital, Woodrow Drive

A replacement paragraph is proposed with respect to Ecology:

During the process of considering the application Officers have been made aware that part of the application site relating to the southeast car park extension provides a habitat for slow worms. Slow worms are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which means that it is illegal to kill or injure them.

Whilst the preliminary ecological appraisal submitted with the application did not highlight this issue it is considered, in agreement with the applicant's agent, to adopt a precautionary approach given that an 'exceptional' population of slow worm was identified as part of the determination of a separate planning application at the Alexandra Hospital last year. Given the car park extension will encroach into the slow worm habitat it is considered necessary to translocate the slow worms to a suitable alternative habitat.

As such the applicant has prepared a reptile translocation strategy which has been reviewed by the Council's retained ecologist and deemed acceptable. It is considered necessary, however, to attach further pre commencement conditions in order to adequately control the translocation and protect the population of slow worms.

Recommended conditions:

It is necessary to **delete** condition 13 and **replace** with the following:

13. Prior to the commencement of development a detailed reptile mitigation statement, to include (but not exhaustively so) details of reptile mitigation, details of the landowner and location of the receptor area shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure the translocation of the slow worms is successful in the long term. The condition is required to be pre commencement as the slow worms require translocation from the application site before works on the development proposed can commence.

Additional condition:

14. Prior to the commencement of development a slow worm management plan detailing the long term management of the receptor site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure the translocation of the slow worms is successful in the long term. The condition is required to be pre commencement as the slow worms require translocation from the application site before works on the development proposed can commence.

21/00195/FUL Land South Of, Astwood Lane

WITHDRAWN from the meeting at the request of the applicant.

21/01170/OUT Land Adjacent To, 46 Badger Close

WITHDRAWN from the meeting at the request of the applicant.

21/01056/FUL Unit 2, Millsborough House

No Updates

21/00148/FUL Land Adjacent To 1 Blackstitch Lane, Redditch

No Updates

21/00973/FUL 17 Howard Road, Redditch

No Updates