Further to the report at Pages 24 to 42 of the Agenda, and – in particular the comments of KCC Ecology at Paragraph 7.6 and Biodiversity appraisal at Paragraphs 9.23, 9.24 and 9.25, KCC Ecology have requested a further condition which seeks details of the signed District Level Licensing certificate regarding Great Crested Newts (which has been signed by both Natural England and the applicant), prior to the commencement of development.

As set out in Paragraph 9.24 the application has been supported by a provisional certificate for the District Level Licensing scheme which KCC Ecology are satisfied with, and the additional condition requires the signed certificate to be submitted prior to the commencement of development to ensure appropriate mitigation is secured.

The agent has agreed to this pre-commencement condition, and additional condition (condition 9) would read:

9. No development shall commence until details of a Great Crested Newt District Level Licence (including signed certificate) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details

Reason: In the interests of protected species and biodiversity.