

Hoodlands Farm - 2 Ponds
Wildscapes Planning Application
Hoodlands Farm, Fulshaw Lane, Penistone, S36 9FD
Design & Access Statement

The Planning Portal has requested the submission of a design and access statement to support this planning application.

With regards to the suitability of the development to the site, we have carried out a desktop assessment as required by Natural England's District Level Licensing scheme. The outcome of this assessment, which is supported by an in person review of the site, confirms that;

- a) The site is optimal for the creation of a wildlife habitat pond to foster local populations of Great Crested Newts based on a combination of elements including; proximity to existing populations, local soil and ground conditions, adjacent habitat conditions, a high propensity for groundwater capture and retention, and a low probability for predation on or pollution of Great Crested Newt populations.
- b) The construction of a pond would be suitable to the local environment as it will be in keeping with the local landscape and geography as well as enhancing local biodiversity.

With regards to adequate accessibility for prospective users. The pond is not designed or intended for use by humans and, once created, will only be accessed intermittently and infrequently in order to assess the biodiversity outcomes of the development. The pond will be able to be accessed periodically by livestock.



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