

Ref: Erect milking parlour/dairy building
Low Shaw Farm
The Green
Millom LA18 5JD

'Rockland'
Lady Hall
Millom
Cumbria LA18 5HR

Protected species survey/management plan

01/06/2023

- The site of the proposed building is adjacent to existing buildings, + extends partially into what is presently orchard + corners of fields resulting in the removal of some old 'out of control hedges'.
- There are no ponds/wet holes or gutters within the development site for frogs, toads etc to spawn.
- The possible presence of natterjack toads is accepted by the applicants with the Arncliffe + Shaw Moss areas over the railway to the west, + the Duddon estuary to the east, (SSSI up to the flood protection banking) + areas of wet pasture within the farm.
- One of the applicants, Mr S Wearing, has been involved with monitoring natterjack toads in the past, + licenced to do so by "Amphibians + Reptile conservation", part of A.R.C. Trust.
This ceased when it was established that there was no evidence of natterjack toads spawning within the Low Shaw monitoring areas. The same conclusion was reached when 'United Utilities' put a new pipeline through the farm land, following the usual pre-works monitoring.
- This is not to say Natterjack toads can't have entered the site since.

Before commencement of works, + during :-

- Contractors to be made aware of the possible presence of natterjack toads. An initial visual inspection of the site to be made + regular checks thereafter are to be made when moving materials, equipment etc or when re-starting works.
- Any trenchwork, excavations etc left overnight to be either covered, or provided with planks at 45° to aid escape of toads etc, + either the following morning, or before re-commencing works, these areas to be re-checked.
- The existing farm yard is to be used for the majority of material storage etc.
- Whilst the site will be temporarily stock fenced for the duration of the works (on the open field sides), the previous lack of presence of toads we feel justifies not providing toad netting, but this can be included if initial checks find natterjack toads in the area.
- Removal of hedges to be done out of bird nesting season.