

## Case Study

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### Environment: Relocation of Great Crested Newts

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Site investigations prior to the construction of a 184,000 sq ft distribution warehouse for the United Drugs Group at Junction 28 of the M1 motorway, revealed its proximity to a Great Crested Newt colony - a species protected by law.

Work therefore had to be undertaken, before a start on site, to ensure the colony wasn't harmed.

Under DEFRA licence, exclusion fencing was erected around the perimeter of our development site to prevent any further newts from entering. Within the site, drift fencing was erected to direct any existing newts into humane traps. The traps were checked daily and any newts found were relocated to a suitable habitat. As part of the construction work, landscaping has been enhanced and new habitats, including a pond, have been created.



*Figure 1: Great Crested Newt Relocation, M1 (J28) Derbyshire*