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Good afternoon Daniel,

Planning reference: DC/25/1700 | The Slips West End Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9RG

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. The applicant has provided an ecological report in the form of - *Great crested Newt eDNA Sampling, The slips, West End Lane, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9RG, arbtech, April 2025*, which states:

- *"It is noted that the development area is likely to result in the loss of scrub and modified grassland."*
- *"As per table 4 above, great crested newts are not present within the two ponds, P2 (160m west), and P3 (230m west)"*
- *"However due to inaccessibility, P1 could not be surveyed...Therefore, potential terrestrial impacts should be mitigated accordingly"*
- Precautionary measures for great crested newts are then outlined within the report

Although the above report was unable to access P1 for eDNA surveys, this pond returned a negative eDNA IN 2023 when surveyed under another application. We are therefore satisfied with the approach provided and recommend the use of a compliance condition to secure the measures outlined within the report.

Best wishes,

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