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Good afternoon Hannah,

**Planning reference: DC/25/1077 | Erection of 2 x no detached dwellings and garages utilising existing access and landscaping**

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. The applicant had provided an ecological report in the form of - "*Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Land at The Fords, Bonfire Hill, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, Arun Ecology, June 2025*", which states:

- *"The habitat within the development boundary is formed primarily of modified grassland characterised by a short uniform sward height that provides unsuitable habitat structure as a resting place for GCN. There is lowland mixed deciduous woodland and modified grassland that provides habitat structure as a resting place for GCN, adjacent to the development boundary but that falls outside the footprint of the development. Given the open structure of the modified grassland, it is reasonably unlikely GCN will move across this area in favour sheltered habitat outside of the development boundary."*
- *"Based on the above, it is reasonably likely that GCN could be found near to development, although it reasonably unlikely that they will be encountered within the main footprint of the development. Furthermore, it is reasonably unlikely significant populations of other common amphibian species will be found within the development boundary."*
- *"The recommendations outlined in the section 6.5 of this report should be followed to ensure the development proceeds lawfully."*

We are satisfied with the approach provided and therefore recommend the use of a compliance condition to secure the measures outlined within the report.

Best wishes,

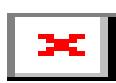
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