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Subject: NatureSpace Consultation- DC/26/0029 | Demolition of stable block and removal of sand school. Conversion of stables to 1 no dwellinghouse and associated landscaping.

Good afternoon Bethan,

Planning reference: **DC/26/0029 | Demolition of stable block and removal of sand school. Conversion of stables to 1 no dwellinghouse and associated landscaping.**

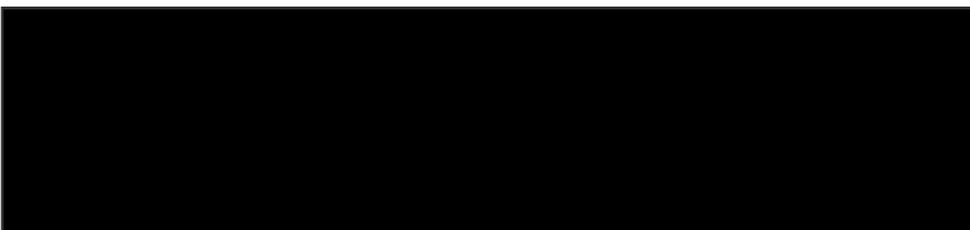
Thank you for sending on some further information regarding the above planning application. The applicant has provided an ecological report in the form of - *"Preliminary Ecological Assessment (version 1.2), Gaydon, Kennel Lane, West Grinstead, RH13 8LX, Sylvatica Ecology Ltd, August 2025"*, which states:

- *"The habitats present within the site survey area comprised of buildings, heavily grazed modified grassland, and hard standing."*
- *"There was a single fishpond adjacent to the site survey area. This was subject to an Environmental DNA survey to check for presence/ likely absence of great crested newt. The results were negative for the presence of great crested newt."*
- *"A precautionary non-licenced method of works has been drafted to account for great crested newt presence within the wider landscape. It has been considered that there is a negligible risk of this species being present on site, but a precautionary method of works will be adhered to."*
- Precautionary measures for great crested newts are outlined in section 6.7 of the report

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

If the applicant wishes to completely avoid any risks relating to great crested newts, they may have the option to enquire for Horsham District Council's District Licence, which provides full legal cover for any impacts to great crested newts and therefore removes the risk of having to stop works if great crested newts are found on site. More details on the District Licensing Scheme operated by the council can be found at www.naturespaceuk.com.

Best wishes,



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