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To: "Daniel.Holmes" <Daniel.Holmes@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: DC/26/1296 | Land at 520564 133496 Brook Lane Faygate West Sussex

Good morning Daniel,

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. It is considered that the proposed development would present a low risk to great crested newts and/or their habitats. However, as there are some ponds within 500m with connectivity to the site, I recommend that the following informative should be attached to planning consent:

"*The applicant is reminded that, under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to (amongst other things): deliberately capture, disturb, injure, or kill great crested newts; damage or destroy a breeding or resting place; intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a resting or sheltering place. Planning permission for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation. Should great crested newts be found at any stage of the development works, then all works should cease, and a professional and/or suitably qualified and experienced ecologist (or Natural England) should be contacted for advice on any special precautions before continuing, including the need for a licence.*"

Best wishes,

Laura Downs *(she/her)*
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