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Dear Sam

With regards to GCN comments from Naturespace, the ponds 500m away have limited connectivity and were ruled out by qualified and highly experienced ecologists who carried out the PEA. Therefore, as the relevant pond has been demonstrated to have no GCN presence through eDNA survey, no further mitigation is required. However, Naturespace, (who are a consultee and also provide the distric licencing), require further informatino to scope out the ponds 500m away.

These ponds could still be scoped out but given a Distric Licence can be secured as mitigation in the "worst case", there is no reason for HDC to refuse the application on this basis. Further data will follow on this shortly.

Kind regars

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