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To: Bethan.Tinning
Subject: DC/26/0856 | Sweetmans Barn The Village Ashurst Steyning

Good morning Bethan,

Planning reference: DC/26/0856 | Sweetmans Barn The Village Ashurst Steyning

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. The applicant had provided an ecological report in the form of - *Ecological Impact Assessment, Sweetmans Barn Kitche, Ashurst, BN44 3AP, Alex Rosenfield, February 2026*, which states:

- *"The proposals area consists of two barns of wood and stone construction with a grass/hardstanding courtyard. Surrounding the proposed works area within the same landholding is a mobile home, and an open sided lean-to storage area with hardstanding and bare ground."*
- *"No ponds are onsite. 9no. ponds are within a 500 meter radius of the site. The closest pond is C.18 meters to the east of the site"*
- *"In the absence of mitigation, there is a low risk that a GCN could be harmed or killed during works, which would constitute an offence within the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (As Amended)."*
- Precautionary measures for great crested newts are outlined from sections 8.19-8.25 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.

Best wishes,

Laura Downs (*she/her*)
District Licensing Officer (Great Crested Newts) – West Sussex

