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Subject: DC/26/0835 | Land North Of The Rise Partridge Green West Sussex



Good afternoon Kate,

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. The applicant has submitted some ecological information in the form of, *Great Crested Newt Mitigation Method Statement, Patridge Green, Harper Environmental, December 2025*, which states that:

- *"The site comprised two buildings, hedgerows, mixed woodland, modified grassland, other neutral grassland, a wet ditch, scattered trees, bramble scrub, blackthorn scrub, broadleaves woodland and areas of tall ruderal species."*
- *"A File Note2 was produced in 2022 by ADAS to confirm the validity of the original PEA undertaken in 2019 due to the time elapsed since the original survey date. Site visits were undertaken in 2020, 2021 and 2022 with the condition of the site remaining largely the same as 2019. The wet ditch on site was deemed as still unsuitable. A series of GCN surveys were undertaken in 2013, 2016 and 2019 by ADAS of the waterbodies within 250m of the site."*
- *"GCN are considered unlikely to be encountered within the construction zone of the site and therefore the risk of a legal offense occurring is considered to be extremely low. As such a GCN Non Licenced Method Statement (NLMS) is considered to be appropriate."*

A Non-Licensed Method Statement has been submitted in support of the discharge of condition 7. The survey information previously provided for the surrounding waterbodies however is in some circumstances over 13 years old. We therefore would recommend that updated surveys are undertaken to re-confirm the current status of these ponds and the likely impact of the development on GCN, and in order to determine whether a NLMS is still sufficient to manage GCN concerns.

Best wishes,

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