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Subject: NatureSpace Consultation- DC/25/1945 | Alterations to front elevation and erection of a single storey front and side extension

Good afternoon Halima,

Planning reference: DC/25/1945 | Alterations to front elevation and erection of a single storey front and side extension

Thank you for consulting us on this application. It is considered that the proposed development would present a low risk to great crested newts and/or their habitats. However, as the development is within the red Impact Risk Zone, as modelled by district licence mapping, 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)*
District Licensing Officer (Great Crested Newts) – West Sussex

Season's Greetings from NatureSpace!
Please note I will be away for the festive period from the 23rd of December to 4th of January. Any messages received during this time will be picked up when I return.

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