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Subject: URGENT ECOLOGICAL ALERT: PROTECTED SPECIES HABIT
Date: 9 May 2026 at 16:06
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Location: Hornbrook Stream (Downstream of Hammerpond Road)
Planning Reference: Site HA10 / HOR1 (Jaynic Development Proposal)

Date: 9 May 2026
To: Horsham District Council Planning Department
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Date: 9 May 2026 at 16:21
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Subject: Re: URGENT ECOLOGICAL ALERT: PROTECTED SPECIES HABIT Video
Date: 10 May 2026 at 19:07
To: [REDACTED]
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Cc: enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk, chairman@horshamsociety.org, enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk, enquiries@sussexwt.org.uk

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Date: 12 May 2026 at 08:43
To: [REDACTED]

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Good morning [REDACTED] thank you for your email and video.

You may wish to contact our Consultations Team to see if we have been consulted about this planning application – consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

We issue [Standing Advice](#) to assist both Local Planning Authorities (LPA) and developers in deciding whether there is a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present on a proposed development site. It provides detailed advice on those protected species most often affected by development to enable an assessment to be made of the suitability of a protected species survey and, where appropriate, a mitigation strategy to protect the species affected by the development. The standing advice is a material consideration in determining applications in the same way as any bespoke advice we provide.

When determining any planning application, it is the responsibility of the LPA to ensure that protected species issues are fully considered and that ecological surveys have been carried out where appropriate. A list of protected species can be found [here](#).

Kind regards

Sarah

Customer Engagement Officer
Customer Engagement Team – National Delivery

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