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Further to your email to ECE planning regarding this site, I write to confirm that Great Crested Newts have been appropriately considered at this site. This was through both the desktop assessment of the site and the site visit by our ecologists.

3.7 Great Crested Newts and other Amphibians

SxBRC provided five records for great crested newts within 2km of the site, the closest of which is 1km to the east. SxBRC also provided records for common toad, palmate newt, smooth newt and common frog.



As explained within that report, both ponds (including one to the west that is referenced and further more recently created ponds within the Bamber Brooks site as recently as last year) are situated the other side of significant watercourses that act as barriers to distribution – namely the River Adur. Watercourses act as significant barriers to GCN movement both due to predation risk, where larger fish are found, and the barrier effect of flowing water to small amphibians, meaning efts (juvenile newts) would be unable to cross back across such a feature.

The site is therefore, based on its merits and all available information, extremely unlikely to support a population of terrestrial great crested newts.

Kind regards

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