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**To:** Sam.Nye

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Good afternoon Sam,

**Planning reference: DC/26/0832 | Sandycroft Chesworth Close Horsham West Sussex**

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. The applicant had provided an ecological report in the form of - *Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment, Sandycroft, Chesworth Close, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5AL*, which states:

- *"The site provides limited suitable terrestrial habitat for amphibians due to the lack of optimal habitat features such as scrub and rank grassland. Areas of hardstanding and amenity grassland offer sub-optimal habitat for terrestrial amphibians."*
- *"...it is considered unlikely that amphibians would migrate onto the site from these ponds"*
- *"a precautionary working method will be implemented for common amphibians during construction, including the following measures"*
- Precautionary measures for great crested newts are outlined in section 8.3 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

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