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Subject: Re: NatureSpace - DM/25/1857 | Shepherds Cottage Stuccles Farm Twineham Lane Sayers Common Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9JF

Good morning Rachel,

Apologies for the delay in my response I was on leave last week. As the applicant has confirmed that all works have been completed onsite, I can confirm that the type of development is not considered to be relevant to the District Licensing Scheme in this case and we consider there would be no likely impact on great crested newts or their habitats. I therefore have no comments to make at this time

Best wishes,

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Hi Laura,

I hope this finds you well.

I'm just trying to write up this application and can't see that I had a final response from you.

The applicant replied on 26th November to your email below. She said:

"all works are now complete and the purpose of the application is solely to establish the use of different areas of the site. The site identified in the BNG report is now not part of this application. As soon as the BNG report is updated I will resubmit it to you for re consultation."

I've just left a voicemail message for you saying I'm happy to have a chat if it's easier.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Rachel.

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Good afternoon Rachel,

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, I have been reviewing the submitted documentation in order to assess any impacts on GCN. Could I please just confirm if all works are now complete and the purpose of the application is solely to establish the use of different areas of the site? Or is the track which is included within the proposed habitat plan in the BNG report (page 23) still to be built?

Thank you for your help,

Best wishes,

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