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Good afternoon Caroline,

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above application. I have reviewed the applicant's newest documents and note that they have now submitted an ecological appraisal. Our previous comments recommended an informative, however the PEA has revealed there is more suitable habitat onsite than previously believed. Within the PEA, there is a generalised method statement for common amphibians. In order to ensure appropriate protection for GCN, it is recommended that this method statement is strengthened. We recommend that measures are added including ecological supervision for hibernacula dismantling, material and waste storage, and what to do should GCN be discovered onsite. Once amended, we recommend that the measures within the statement are secured via a condition.

Best wishes,

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