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Dear Ms. Williams,

**RE: DM/24/2409 - Slaugham Garden Nursery, Staplefield Road, Slaugham - J004696**

Many thanks for discussing with NatureSpace, it is appreciated. Their position is wholly frustrating, primarily due to the fact that a licence would make this project unviable for the applicant who intends to build out the proposal himself, and the costs previously advised for a licence within the previous proposals were not insignificant. Nonetheless, given their comments, I will review the matter with our client, and it may be the proposal will seek to remove any further works to that area in question, and thus negate the concern. I will also relay your request regarding updating of the report.

With that in mind, whilst I am in receipt of amended plans (re the Red Line), given the likelihood they will change, I will refrain from submission and keep you updated in terms of our instructions.

Kind Regards

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Dear Mr Brownjohn,

Thank you for your email.

I have relayed your comments to Nature Space who have confirmed that their comments are based on the information submitted within the Ecological Report, and plans submitted with the application, which indicate that an area of broken ground will be removed on site which is currently covered in scrub. Great Crested Newts utilise overgrown areas as places for shelter and hibernation. As the proposal seeks to remove this area of scrub the proposal has the potential to impact on Great Crested Newts, and therefore a consideration for this application.

They also note that photographs provided within the Ecological Report show that the southern area of the site is well vegetated, and contains a log pile, which also has the potential for Great Crested Newts.

Given the above and that the reports were completed over two years ago it is considered that the requested further information is still required and relevant to the current proposal.

Notwithstanding the above, should these works no longer apply to the current application, as the report was based on a previous proposal, an amended Ecological Report should still be provided to relate solely to the current proposal.

Amendments are also still required on the differing redline boundaries shown on the Location and Proposed Site Plans.

Kind Regards

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Dear Ms. Williams,

**RE: DM/24/2409 - Slaugham Garden Nursery, Staplefield Road, Slaugham**

Thank you for your email. I have relayed the request regarding the red line to the architect.

In respect of Nature Space's comments, I am afraid they come as late, frustrating, and ignorant to the actual merits of the proposal. The report was prepared for a different development, but regarded the whole of the site itself, in August 2023. This application was lodged in October 2024, and so the passage of time has rendered their initial comment about the reports to be correct. However, the remainder of the commentary is ignorant of the actual proposal itself, which does not include scrub removal etc. All that will be undertaken is removal of excess hardstanding and broken ground, and in that regard they have ignored the supporting statement which explicitly sets out that "*As is clear from the submissions, no works would be undertaken that affect the potential habitats present, and this is to be retained.*" And "*In this regard, the applicant would confirm that no objection is raised to adherence with the recommendations and mitigation measures set out within Section 6.0 for Bats, Reptiles, Nesting Birds, Invertebrates, Badgers, as well as the proposed faunal enhancements recommended to be provided on site.*"

As such, we consider NatureSpace need to review their position on the actual proposals before the LPA, or a disproportionate approach will be applied to a development that will have no impact on GCN due to the proposal being conversion, and not impacting any **potential existing habitat**.

Kind Regards

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Dear Mr Brownjohn,

My apologies for my lack of communication following our previous emails, which has been due to the current case load.

My manager has raised concern regarding the differing redline boundaries shown on the Location and Proposed Site Plans and request that this is amended.

It has also been considered necessary to consult Nature Space on the Great Crested Newts, as this was an issue raised under a previous appeal on the site. Their comments are attached and require further information.

My apologies again for the delay in bringing this to your attention.

Kind Regards

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