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Subject: Re: Late Request for Newt Officer comments - DM/25/2593 - 52 Pasture Hill Road, Haywards Heath

Good morning Anna,

Thank you for getting in touch, I have had a quick look into this one and can see that the pond which is located approximately 60m west tested negative for GCN eDNA earlier this year as part of another application (DM/25/0620). And so I think the informative which you have added is a good option here and agree it is appropriate

Best wishes,

Laura Downs (*she/her*)
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Hi Laura

Sorry to email again, but I am working through my applications ahead of some upcoming leave.

Since my email to you yesterday I have completed my report to recommend this application is approved.

I have attached this Informative:

'The applicant is reminded that, under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended),

it is an offence to (amongst other things): deliberately capture, disturb, injure, or kill great

crested newts; damage or destroy a breeding or resting place; intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a resting or sheltering place. Planning permission for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation. Should great crested

newts be found at any stage of the development works, then all works should cease, and a

professional and/or suitably qualified and experienced ecologist (or Natural England) should

be contacted for advice on any special precautions before continuing, including the need for a licence.'

Regards

Anna

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Dear Laura

Apologies for the late consultation on this application. I have discovered that this house lies in a Red Impact Risk Zone for Great Crested Newts.

The current application follows a previous application under DM/21/3133 for a garage conversion, which appears to have been implemented. I don't believe we were consulting you in 2021.

Please can you have a look at this and provide your comments to include in my recommendation report, which I hope to complete tomorrow?

Thank you.
Regards
Anna

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