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Subject: NatureSpace Consultation Response: DM/25/2994 | Philpots Manor School

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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for consulting us on planning application: **DM/25/2994**. Please accept this email as our consultation response.

There is a low risk that great crested newts (GCN) may be present at the application site. However, the application site lies within an amber impact zone as per the modelled district licence map, which indicates that there is highly suitable habitat for GCN within the area surrounding the application site. Therefore, we recommend that the following informative be attached to planning consent:

"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."

If you have any queries, then please do get in contact.

Thank you,

Operational Support at NatureSpace

Season's Greetings from NatureSpace!

Please note we will be away for the festive period from the 25th of December to 4th of January. Any messages received during this time will be picked up when we return. We look forward to working with you in the New Year.

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