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To: "Tracie Axford" <tracie.axford@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: NatureSpace Consultation- DM/25/2544 | Proposed two storey extension to the rear of the property.

Good afternoon Tracie,

Thank you for sending over some further information. It is considered that the proposed development would present a low risk to great crested newts and/or their habitats. However, as the development is within the red Impact Risk Zone, as modelled by district licence mapping, I recommend that the following informative should 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."

Best wishes,

Laura Downs (*she/her*)
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Dear Laura,

Please see photo attached of the rear garden.

Kind Regards
Tracie

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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Good afternoon Tracie,

Planning reference: DM/25/2544 | Proposed two storey extension to the rear of the property.

Thank you for consulting us on this application. I have reviewed the submitted documentation in order to assess any impacts to great crested newts, however I couldn't see any photos included. Would it be possible to see a photo of the garden of the property?

Best wishes,

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