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Subject: Re: NatureSpace Consultation- DM/25/2066 | Demolition of the existing property and adjacent sheds and replacement with a new single storey residential dwelling with two parking spaces

Hello Hamish,

Thank you for getting back to me with the applicant's comments. I think my biggest concern with this site at the minute is P3. Although we know that the pond was holding little water in 2023 which meant that an eDNA survey could not be completed, we don't have any up to date information on it. There is the possibility that the pond is now holding water and could support GCN. Should that be the case, the onsite terrestrial habitat would also provide some important sheltering and hibernation habitat.

Ponds which dry out occasionally can support GCN as periodic drying may reduce abundance of predators, and therefore it's hard to rule out a pond based on it being dry one year, especially as this was now over 2 years ago. I think we would need some updated information on P3 to move forward here, if some photos could be sent over this would be very helpful.

Best wishes,

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Hello Laura,

I hope all is well. Please find attached the agents comments regarding your attached consultation response please could you let me know your thoughts?

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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Good afternoon Hamish,

Planning reference: DM/25/2066 | Demolition of the existing property and adjacent sheds and replacement with a new single storey residential dwelling with two parking spaces

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, please find attached our consultation comments, should there be any changes to the proposed development, please reconsult us.

Best wishes,

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