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Subject: Planning application consultation - DM/25/0396 - Queen Victoria Hospital
Holtye Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3DZ

Good morning Katherine,

Planning reference: DM/25/0396 - Queen Victoria Hospital Holtye Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3DZ

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. It is considered that the proposed development is unlikely to have an impact on 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."

It is also noted that the applicant has provided a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal that outlines some precautionary working measures, some of which relate to amphibians generally, it is recommended that these are secured by condition.

Kind regards,

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