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Subject: Re: DM/24/2922 - Hollyrood House, Ardingly Road, Lindfield

Good morning Joanne,

Thank you for reconsulting us on the above application in light of their recent PWMS submission. I have reviewed this document and have the following comments:

The statement includes the use of temporary amphibian fencing to exclude GCN from the site following a directional vegetation cut. This type of fencing must be dug into the ground, which will create a small ditch along the edge of the fence. GCN can and do use these ditches as refuges, and in this situation, the removal of the fencing can result in both damage to a resting place or place of shelter, and the reckless disturbance of GCN in a place of shelter. Due to the proximity of the nearby ponds, I strongly recommend that the usage of amphibian fencing is just removed from the method statement.

Otherwise, I am satisfied with the statement and recommend that the measures within the document are secured via a compliance condition,

Best wishes,

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Hi Laura,

I hope you are well.

Please see attached the comments from Jennie in respect of the above application where she requested a PWMS. I have now received a PWMS from the applicant which is also saved to the file and attached. Please can this be reviewed and comments be provided by NatureSpace in a clean email on whether the PWMS is acceptable and if any conditions are required to be attached if planning permission were to be granted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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