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Sent: 05 November 2025 15:55:18 UTC+00:00
To: "'rh@gouldbaxter.co.uk'" <rh@gouldbaxter.co.uk>
Subject: FW: NatureSpace Consultation response/Site visit notification - DM/25/2463 & 4 - The Barn House, Cuckfield Road, Ansty.
Attachments: DM-25-2463.pdf

Dear Rob

I have received the attached comments today from Laura Downs, District Licensing Officer (Great Crested Newts) for West Sussex regarding this application.

As you can see Laura has **requested additional information** to support the application, as she is of the opinion that there is a **reasonable likelihood** that Great Crested Newts will be impacted by the development proposals. Three recommended approaches are outlined :

-Submit a NatureSpace Report or Certificate to demonstrate that the impacts of the proposed development can be addressed through Mid Sussex District Council's District Licence. This method of licensing often removes the need for survey work and onsite mitigation for great crested newts as it provides compensation habitats off site. (more details can be found at www.naturespaceuk.com); or

-Provide further information (PEA), in line with Natural England's Standing Advice, to rule out impacts to great crested newts*, or demonstrate how any impacts can be addressed through appropriate mitigation/compensation proposals**; or

-If it is determined that there is no suitable habitat impacted on site and the likelihood of great crested newts is very low, then a precautionary working statement in the form of Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs)/Non-Licensed Method Statement (NLMS) strategy documents completed by a suitably qualified ecologist may be acceptable for the development.

Please can you discuss this matter with your client and advise me how he wishes to proceed?

Site visit - Whilst writing I shall be in the Ansty area on Friday afternoon this week. I would like to carry out my site visit to assess the above application on **Friday 7th November, at around 2.30pm -3pm, if that is convenient,**

I do not need to meet anyone at the site, but I will need to enter the garden. The visit should not take longer than 30 minutes. I will take photographs of the building and the surroundings to assist in my report writing. **Please ensure any access gates are**

unlocked and openable. If there is any reason why your client would rather I didn't visit then I shall be pleased if you can advise me as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my visit.
Thank you.

Kind regards
Anna

Submit your planning application online.
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>

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Subject: NatureSpace Consultation- DM/25/2463 | Conversion of the existing timber framed barn outbuilding in to living accommodation for guests of the main house.

Good afternoon Anna,

Planning reference: DM/25/2463 | Conversion of the existing timber framed barn outbuilding in to living accommodation for guests of the main house.

Please find attached our consultation comments, should there be any changes to the proposed development, please reconsult us.

Best wishes,

Laura Downs *(she/her)*

District Licensing Officer (Great Crested Newts) – West Sussex

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