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Sent: 14 September 2026 12:06
To: Jessica Szollosi
Subject: Re: DM/26/1896 - Part retrospective application for replacement garden house and decking

Good morning Jessica,

Thank you for consulting us on the above partially retrospective application. Given the scale of the remaining works, 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 amber 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)
District Licensing Officer (Great Crested Newts) – West Sussex

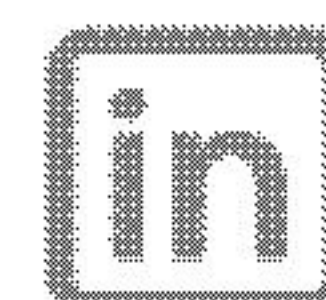
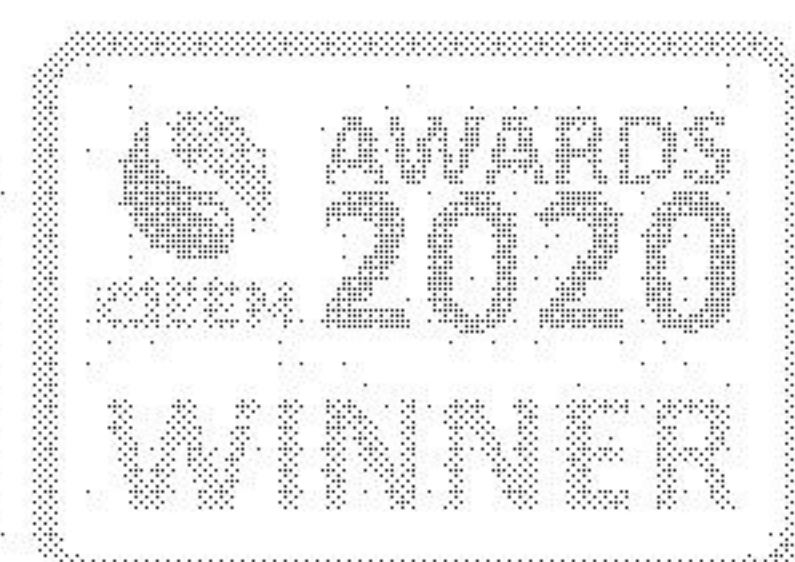
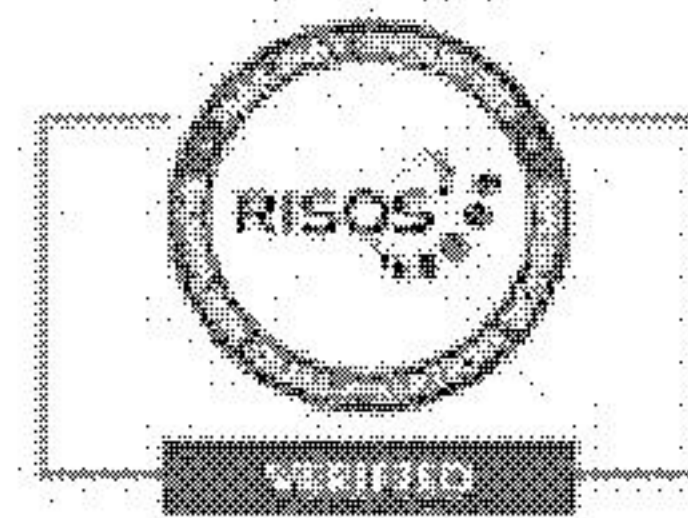
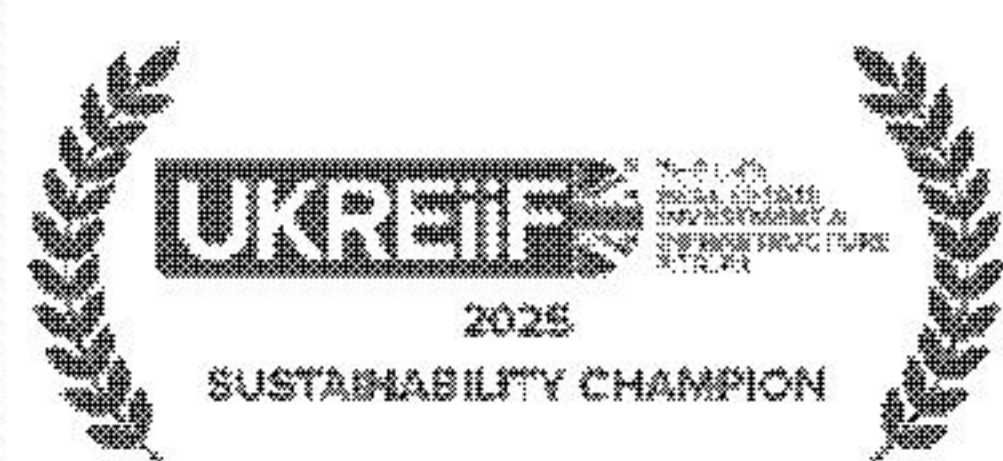
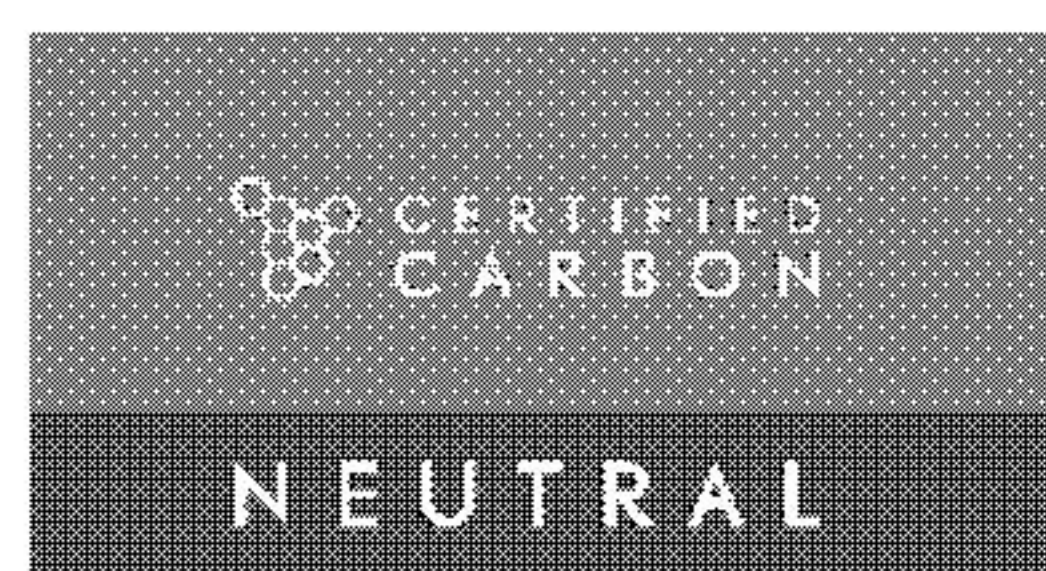
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Dear Laura

I am the planning officer for a householder application for the 'part retrospective planning application for replacement garden house and decking' at 28 West Common, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2AH.

The garden house has already been constructed, but the application includes proposed decking to the southeast of the garden house,

Kindy advise if a license would be required for this.

Thanking you in advance.

Many thanks.

Kind regards
Jessica

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