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Subject: FW: Planning application consultation - DM/25/1657 - 23 Hurst Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NJ

Hi Laura,

I received the below comments from Jennie on this application in which she requests a statement to be provided prior to determination. The agent has requested whether this can be provided as part of a condition?

Many Thanks

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Good afternoon Katherine,

Planning reference: DM/25/1657|Proposed new residential development comprising the erection of 1 No. new detached self-build dwelling to replace an existing garage on garden land to the west side of the existing property.|23 Hurst Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NJ

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. The applicant has provided an ecological report in the form of - "*Ecological Impact Assessment*", which recommends following Precautionary Working Methods Statement to include but not be limited to:

- *"Site clearance, including clearance of the vegetated areas of the site should be undertaken while amphibians (including GCN) are active, to avoid disturbing any amphibians while they are overwintering (and at high risk from disturbance).*
- *Removal of the wooden sleeper steps and soft landscaping within the northern section of the site, should be carried out by hand (soft strip) following a precautionary approach.*
- *Should any GCN be encountered during any stage of the proposed development, work should stop, and advice / assistance should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist.*
- *Materials associated with the development should be stored within an appropriate location."*

This is deemed to be an appropriate approach for the propose developed and it is recommended that this statement is written prior to determination, and secured within a condition.

Kind regards,
Jennie

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