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Subject: Re: Late Request for Newt Officer comments - DM/25/2747 - 4 Pound Gate, Hassocks

Good afternoon Anna,

Thank you for your email. I have had a little look over this one and I can confirm that we would not expect there to be a likely impact on great crested newts or their habitats should this development be approved. However as the development is located within the red Impact Risk Zone, as modelled by district licence mapping, I would be happy for the below informative to be included.

I hope the above is okay and sufficient as comment but please let me know if you need anything further,

Best,

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Dear Laura

Apologies for the late consultation on this application. I have discovered that this house lies in a Red Impact Risk Zone for Great Crested Newts.

The current application follows a previous application under DM/22/0295 for a garage extension, first floor extension and a rear single storey addition. I don't believe we were consulting you in 2022.

I intend to recommend that the application is approved with this attached Informative:

'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.'

Please can you have a look at this and provide your comments to include in my recommendation report, which I hope to complete this week?

Thank you.

Regards

Anna

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