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Subject: DM/26/1484 - Former Fishery Car Park Lake View Road Furnace Wood West Sussex

Hi Hamish

Thanks for sharing your colleague's query about the pond. Please see the ecologist's note on this below.

Hopefully this addresses the issue but please let me know if any further information is required.

Kind regards

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From: Natalie Arscott <natalie@aewc.co.uk>
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Subject: Acknowledgement Letter for Application No DM/26/1484 - Former Fishery Car Park Lake View Road Furnace Wood West Sussex

Hi Clare,

In response to Laura from NatureSpace's email regarding an additional pond near the site - this is a garden pond within the applicant's garden that is known to be stocked with carp. As such, it is highly unlikely to be suitable for use by breeding GCN.

It is also noted that the pond falls over 100m from the nearest point of the site, with sub-optimal habitat connectivity making up the direct route between the two (a manicured garden, driveway, buildings, and the road). The proposed development will involve clearance of a very small area of grassland,

considered sub-optimal in itself for terrestrial GCN being located in the middle of a field of short sward grassland with no structural variation or refugia. Based on Natural England's rapid risk assessment tool and professional judgement, it is considered that the proposed development has an extremely low risk of impacting GCN if the nearest breeding ponds are over 100m from the site (even if within 250m) and would not warrant licensing. A precautionary method statement incorporating reasonable avoidance measures has already been recommended. As such, this pond would be ruled out regardless of suitability.

Kind regards,

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