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**Sent:** 01 October 2025 09:03:48 UTC+01:00  
**To:** "Roger Pike" <roger@neilpikearchitects.co.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: NatureSpace Consultation response- DM/25/1800 | Reserved matters application pursuant to Outline application DM/23/2687 for the approval of Appearance, and Landscaping for two detached dwellings, Woodside Grange.  
**Attachments:** DM-25-1800.pdf

Dear Roger

Please see attached and below the response that I received from the Ecologist at NatureSpace yesterday regarding this application.

As you can see it contains comments regarding the age of the submitted habitat information and eDNA results (collected in May 2023), and raises concerns raised that Great Crested Newts will be impacted by the development proposals and a set of recommendations, which read as follows:

'the applicant must either:

-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. This would provide certainty to the applicant, as their licensing route can be determined within 10 working days at any time of the year (more details can be found at [www.naturespaceuk.com](http://www.naturespaceuk.com)); or

-Provide further information (updated pond information), 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 if this information will be provided to support the application?

Regards

Anna Tidey

Planning Officer

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Submit your planning application online.

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Good afternoon Anna,

**Planning reference: DM/25/1800 | Reserved matters application pursuant to Outline application DM/23/2687 for the approval of Appearance, and Landscaping for two detached dwellings.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, 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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