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Subject: DM/26/0073 - Newts - Land at West Hoathly Road

Joe,

Further to the response received from Nature Space regarding the above application please find attached a Great Crested Newt eDNA report for the above site.

eDNA testing was undertaken on 17th April to determine if GCN were present in ponds within the vicinity of the site. The report presents the methodology, results and mitigation strategy. The mitigation strategy (which reflects the worst-case scenario) demonstrates that the favourable conservation status of the species can be maintained, noting that prior to works commencing a licence would be obtained from Natural England following population estimate surveys of Ponds 4 and 5 in 2027.

Kind regards,

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