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Good morning Stefan,

Planning reference: DM/26/2152 | Little Hollybush West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4NE

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application. The applicant has provided an ecological report in the form of - *Great Crested Newt Precautionary Mitigation Report, Little Hollybush, West Hoathly Rd, East Grinstead, RH19 4NE, Wychwood Environmental, June 2026*,s which states:

- *"There are no ponds on site but there are two ponds as marked on MAGIC Maps within 50m of the site, and access was made possible to inspect the ponds."*
- *"Some of the habitats within the plot have potential to be used by great crested newts as terrestrial habitat, but the place where the extension will be built has no potential to be used by great crested newts. The existing access drive and the connection habitats between the site and the ponds will not be altered apart from potentially a small section of about 2 meters of hedge"*
- Precautionary measures for great crested newts are outlined in section 5.4 of the report

NatureSpace commented on the previous application at this site and recommended that a PWMS be prepared to cover any residual risk. Having reviewed the plans for this application, we agree that this approach is still appropriate and therefore recommend the use of a compliance condition to secure the measures outlined within the report.

Best wishes,

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