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

Good morning Hamish,

Thank you for sending over some additional information regarding the nearby waterbody. Due to the low suitability of this waterbody and the sub-optimal habitat to be impacted by development works, we are in agreement with the approach suggested within the applicant's great crested newt survey letter (AEWC, May 2026) which recommended that a precautionary working methods statement is produced and adopted for the development works. We recommend that a GCN specific statement is prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, and either submitted to the LPA for approval prior to determination or secured via a pre-commencement condition.

Best wishes,

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Thank you for the below Laura. Please find attached the agents comments.

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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Good afternoon Hamish,

Planning reference: DM/26/1484 | Former Fishery Car Park Lake View Road Furnace Wood West Sussex

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. I have reviewed the applicant's eDNA survey report and note that it states surveys have been undertaken on p1 and p2, which have both come back as negative. Looking over aerial imagery, it appears there may be another waterbody within the adjacent site, approximately 100m away from the RLB (please see below). This waterbody however has not been acknowledged or assessed with the report. Therefore please could I request some further information on it from the applicant regarding it's suitability and any justification for ruling out this waterbody?



Best wishes,

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