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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: NatureSpace Consultation- DM/25/2066 | Demolition of the existing property and adjacent sheds and replacement with a new single storey residential dwelling with two parking spaces
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Good afternoon Hamish,

Thank you for sending over those photos. Due to the condition of this pond (P3), and due to the 2023 eDNA results, in this instance it is considered that Reasonable Avoidance Measures Statement would be appropriate here. As such, I would recommend that a compliance condition is used in order to secure the measures listed within the applicants ecological report (*Great Crested Newt eDNA survey, Lullings Cottage, West Hill, Balcombe Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6QY, arbtech, May 2023*)

However, I would also like to highlight that should the applicant wish to completely avoid any risks relating to great crested newts, they have the option to enquire for Mid Sussex District Council's District Licence, which provides full legal cover for any impacts to great crested newts and therefore removes the risk of having to stop works if great crested newts are found on site. More details on the District Licensing Scheme operated by the council can be found at www.naturespaceuk.com.

Best wishes,

Laura Downs (*she/her*)

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