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Dear Mr. Watt,

Application Ref: DM/21/2276 (as amended by DM/26/0449) Battery Energy Storage Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Land East of Wineham Lane, Wineham, West Sussex, BN5 9AY Discharge of Condition 4 - Great Crested Newt District Licence

On behalf of Elements Green Bolney Holding Ltd (the Applicant) I hereby submit the following documents in order to discharge Condition 4 associated with the above planning permission:

- This cover letter;
- NatureSpace Great Crested Newt District Licensing Certificate (Ref: 202411008, Certificate Number NSP1369MSDC), dated 30 July 2026;
- Land East of Wineham Lane: Impact Plan for Great Crested Newt District Licensing (Version 1), dated 5th December 2024.
- NatureSpace GCN Mitigation Principles document, dated November 2021 ; and
- NatureSpace Best Practice Principles, dated March 2021

Background

Condition 4 of planning permission DM/21/2276 was amended by Non-Material Amendment DM/26/0449, approved on 18 March 2026, to reflect the site's transition to the Great Crested Newt District Licensing Scheme, delivered by NatureSpace Partnership via the Council's Organisational Licence. As amended, Condition 4 now reads (in relevant part):

4a. No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Council's Organisational Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence') and with the proposals detailed on plan "Land East of Wineham Lane: Impact plan for great crested newt District Licensing (Version 1)", dated 5th December 2024.

4b. No development hereby permitted shall take place unless and until a certificate from the Delivery Partner (as set out in the District Licence WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence'), confirming that all necessary measures regarding great crested newt compensation have been appropriately dealt with, has been submitted to and approved by the planning authority and the authority has provided authorisation for the development to proceed under the District newt licence.

4c. No development hereby permitted shall take place except in accordance with Part 1 of the Great Crested Newt Mitigation Principles, as set out in the District Licence (WML-OR136, or a 'Further Licence') [and in addition in compliance with the following [any or all of the following sub-clauses may be added to condition 3, as determined by the planning condition calculator contained in Annex A4 of the District Licence]]:

Works which will affect likely newt hibernacula may only be undertaken during the active period for amphibians. Capture methods must be used at suitable habitat features prior to the commencement of the development (i.e., hand/destructive/night searches), which may include the use of temporary amphibian fencing, to prevent newts moving onto a development site from adjacent suitable habitat, installed for the period of the development (and removed upon completion of the development).

Confirmation on Discharge of Condition 4

This submission seeks to discharge Condition 4, parts a, b and c, by providing the NatureSpace Certificate confirming that the development has been evaluated by NatureSpace Partnership in accordance with the terms of the District Licence, and that the required financial contribution to the local great crested newt strategy has been paid. The Certificate confirms the development can be covered under the Council's District Licence.

I trust that the submitted documents are sufficient to discharge Condition 4 in relation to great crested newt licensing. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require any further information. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Elena Sarieva