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To: Vallis, Charlie

Cc: Planning @ Eastleigh Borough Council

Subject: NatureSpace Consultation Response: H/25/100267 50 GRANGE ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FE

Dear Charlie,

Thank you for consulting us on the application: **H/25/100267**. Please accept this email as our consultation response.

There is a low risk that great crested newts (GCN) may be present at the application site. However, the application site lies within an amber impact zone as per the modelled district licence map, which indicates that there is highly suitable habitat for GCN within the area surrounding the application site. Therefore, we recommend that the following informative be attached to planning consent:

“The applicant is reminded that, under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to (amongst other things): deliberately capture, disturb, injure, or kill great crested newts; damage or destroy a breeding or resting place; intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a resting or sheltering place. Planning permission for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this legislation. Should great crested newts be found at any stage of the development works, then all works should cease, and a professional and/or suitably qualified and experienced ecologist (or Natural England) should be contacted for advice on any special precautions before continuing, including the need for a licence.”

The following recommendations are also provided to further reduce the likelihood of impacts on this species:

- Any trenches left overnight should be covered or provided with ramps to prevent GCN from becoming trapped
- Any building materials such as bricks, stone etc. should be stored on pallets to discourage GCN from using them as shelter.
- Any demolition materials should be stored in skips or similar containers rather than in piles on ground.

If you have any queries, then please do get in contact.

Kind Regards,

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