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Hello

I have read their ecological appraisal and conclude that we should not maintain the ecological reason for refusal as this does now show that harm to wildlife and an overall loss to biodiversity can be avoided.

The ponds closest to the site have been checked for their likelihood of supporting Great Crested Newts and it has been concluded that it is unlikely therefore the precautionary working methodology should be sufficient.

The suggested enhancements on site would likely be sufficient to ensure no net loss for biodiversity in terms of opportunities.

Kind regards Charlotte

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