## Woodward, Amy

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Good afternoon Stacey,

Further to our conversation earlier I have looked into the Great Crested Newt point we discussed, and re-reviewed the NatureSpace comments with Aspect Ecology.

A single GCN pond was identified through the survey work completed with the application and we hold full GCN data on this.
That pond is surrounded by high-quality habitat and sits within an area designated for green space within the illustrative masterplan and parameter plans.
Accordingly, we see no issue with obtaining a Natural England licence which will secure GCN mitigation under the standard license procedure.
This is the route we intend to take, rather than going through the more commercial route of the District Level Licence with NatureSpace.
NatureSpace identify that either approach is legitimate, and therefore I hope our clarification of intending to utilise the Natural England licence is sufficient in this regard.

Kind Regards

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