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Good afternoon Joanna

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I have no concerns regarding great crested newts. The application is in a green impact risk zone and there is only a low density of ponds in the surrounding area. The ecological report (Derek Finnie Associates, March 2025) states that the only pond within 250m of the site is unsuitable for great crested newts and habitats within the site are predominantly of low quality for this species. The ecological report concludes that great crested newts are likely absent from the site and I am inclined to agree. No further information is required.

Kind regards

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