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To: Planning.Responses
Cc: Simon Davis
Subject: EG/57/16/PL - Land adjacent to the Croft Practice Barhnam Road Eastergate PO20 3RP

Dear Simon Davis

We will require a mitigation strategy to be submitted for the great crested newts on site, this will be needed before determination and will subsequently need conditioning if acceptable. Clearance of suitable nesting bird habitat (i.e. removal of trees, hedging, dense shrubs and dismantling / demolition of any building) should ideally be undertaken outside the breeding bird season, i.e. should be undertaken in the period September to February inclusive. Should it prove necessary to clear bird nesting habitat during the bird nesting season, then a pre-works check for nesting birds should be undertaken, by a CIEEM ecologist (with 24 hours of any works). If any active nests are found, activities (e.g. tree felling / vegetation clearance / building dismantling / demolition) should cease and an appropriate buffer zone should be established. This buffer zone should be left intact until it has been confirmed that the young have fledged and the nest is no longer in use.

We would like to see the placement of 4 nesting opportunities for birds (species such as swallows, swifts and housemartins), to replace any potential loss of roosting/nesting provision. Along with a bat roosting structure being put on/around the building. Appropriate designs can be found in the publication "Designing for Biodiversity: A technical guide for new and existing buildings". Ecological advice should be sort in when deciding where and which of these structures should be placed for maximum effectiveness, because thermal tolerances of each species are very important. We require these nesting and roosting structures to be integral to the buildings. Lighting will need to be kept to a minimum, as lighting levels have a effects on nocturnal species such as bats, flying invertebrates and various mammal species. To this effect we would wish to see a lighting plan. This point will be needed to be addressed before determination. There will need to be a plant scheme, containing native plants only submitted for conditioning (mentioned in points 4.15, 4.17 of the Ecology report). We ask that applicants/consultants please share their survey results with [Sussex biodiversity records centre](#).

Best regards

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