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From: George Bain [REDACTED]
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Subject: Y/33/20/PL

Hello

I am very concerned with a new planning application - Y/33/20/PL - that has been put forward adjacent to my parents property and land, i am especially concerned with the environmental statement on the planing application.

on 01/06/2017 I used the irecord website as advised by the Sussex biodiversity record center to enter my sightings of Great Crested Newts in our pond, the boundary of the proposed development would only be a few meters from this pond.

The environmental statement on the application - section 4.3.2 & 4.3.3 states that there are no records of Great Crested Newts within 2km of the site. it is very worrying that a record of about 2m away was not included! (there are other historical records of great crested newts within the 2km radius (a pond in Walberton - also not mentioned)

Great Crested Newts are a European protected species. The animals and their eggs, breeding sites and resting places are protected by law. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/great-crested-newts-protection-surveys-and-licences>

section 4.3.3 also states that a common frog was found during the site visit and then goes on to contradict itself by saying that the site is unsuitable for amphibians.

I must stress again how worrying it is that a environmental statement could be so inaccurate not only with endangered and protected species, but also what constitutes a suitable habitat. I hope this is not the case for the rest of the country and maybe this could be looked at further?

I look forward to your help with this matter

Kind regards

George Bain



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