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GCN mitigation at Spurr House, Pole Lane, Bury, BL9 8QL

Dear Rob,

I am writing to discuss the great crested newt (GCN) mitigation planned for the proposed affordable housing development at Spurr House, Bury (Planning Reference: 72240).

Planning condition 16 states the following: *"The development has the potential to cause harm to great crested newts and is proposed for entry into District Level Licencing. Prior to development confirmation that:*

- *No changes to this mitigation approach have occurred, or;*
- *If changes have occurred, further information on the new mitigation approach to GCN should be provided to and agreed in writing by the LPA. The agreed details shall thereafter be implemented."*

I can confirm that the proposed mitigation, comprising entry into District Level Licencing (DLL), remains unchanged for the project.

The site was granted a DLL (ref: 2023-00537-EPS-DLL) by Natural England on 4th October 2023. As the licence was valid until October 2025, an application to extend it has been made by Thomson Environmental Consultants Ltd on behalf of Watson Construction Ltd on 27th March 2026.

When the DLL was granted in 2023, the proposals at Spurr House were with Bury Council. As the land has now been passed to Watson Construction, Thomson Environmental Consultants has also applied to update the DLL licence holder details from Bury Council to Watson Construction. In addition, the named ecologist was updated to Olivia Satur.

I trust the above provides sufficient clarity on the mitigation approach and licence status.

Yours sincerely,

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