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Subject: Re: Householder (Full) - 14 Ibbott Crescent Somersham Huntingdon (ref 25/00111/HHFUL)

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Good afternoon,

After a further discussion with a local ecologist, I have attached a revised Biodiversity checklist and included justification for this below.

The property is located near Somersham Lake – which is a coarse fishing venue and part of Somersham Local Nature reserve. Somersham Lake is a lake (not a pond) and is highly unlikely to support the legally protected amphibian species great crested newt (GCN) because of the presence of fish which will predate GCN juveniles.
The biodiversity checklist "within 250m of a pond" criteria relates solely to the potential presence of GCN within a development site as they will use ponds to breed and suitable terrestrial habitats up to 250m from their breeding ponds for shelter and forage.

The development footprint is also small (17sqm), too small for the development to result in any adverse impact on GCN should they occur in an un-mapped pond within 250m of the Site.

I have run Natural England's GCN development risk calculator on the assumption that there is an unknown GCN pond within 250m of the property and this results in a green "offence highly unlikely" outcome – see table below.

Component	**Likely effect** (select one for each component; select the most harmful option if more than one is likely; lists are in order of harm, top to bottom)	**Notional offence probability score**
Great crested newt breeding pond(s)	No effect	0
Land within 100m of any breeding pond(s)	0.001 - 0.01 ha lost or damaged	0.05
Land 100-250m from any breeding pond(s)	No effect	0
Land >250m from any breeding pond(s)	0.5 - 1 ha lost or damaged	0.03
Individual great crested newts	No effect	0
	Maximum:	0.05
Rapid risk assessment result:	**GREEN: OFFENCE HIGHLY UNLIKELY**	

In summary, the development is: small scale; does not occur within 250m of any mapped pond; and a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is unnecessary in my professional opinion.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Wright

Please find correspondence from Development Management at Huntingdonshire District Council attached to this email in relation to the following application for Planning Permission.

Proposal: Erection of garden room.

Site Address: 14 Ibbott Crescent Somersham Huntingdon

Reference: 25/00111/HHFUL

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