From: [redacted]

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Subject: Re: S62A/2026/0166 Land North of Old Quarry House, Fenway, Steeple Aston Acknowledgement

Good afternoon,

Arbtech has undertaken a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal for the site, as prepared by Rory Sear. The PEA identified risk with regards to the potential presence of great crested newts (GCN) on site during their terrestrial phase. Further survey work to establish the presence or likely-absence of GCN within ponds in the wider landscape or entry onto the District Level Licence (DLL) scheme was recommended. Entry onto the DLL scheme was identified as the most feasible route for the proposed development to demonstrate compliance with regards to legislation and planning policy pertaining to GCN.

An enquiry was subsequently submitted to Nature Space in respect of the proposed development at Old Quarry House on 14th October 2026. Nature Space subsequently confirmed feasibility of the scheme for the proposed development through the provision of a quote. The quote confirms the development can proceed through Cherwell District Council's District Level Licensing scheme.

Many thanks,

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