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To: Havant Planning and Development Mailbox New

Subject: RE: Section 257 diversion PROW consultation Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Reservoir and Pipe Line, Middle Park Way, Havant

FAO Mr L Oliver, Havant Planning Services

Dear Mr Oliver,

Thank you for consulting informally with The British Horse Society about this application to divert Bridleway Havant 120 and Rowlands Castle 29 at Havant Thicket.

Whilst the Society has no objection in principle to the diversion of this route to accommodate the new Portsmouth Water reservoir, can you please clarify the following in relation to the detail of the draft Diversion Order and Plan:

1. Connectivity of the Diversion route to other public highways

- a) I note that at the western end of the diversion route (Point A) riders using Havant BW 120 would have to cross the proposed new vehicular route. Can you please advise what measures will be taken to ensure the safety of walkers, horse riders and cyclists at this crossing point?
- b) I assume that the eastern end of the proposed Diversion Route connects with the retained line of Rowlands Castle BW 29 at point N, ensuring continuity of the Rights of Way network. I understand however that between N and the B2149 Manor Lodge Road the path is too narrow for horse riders to use. The additional route L to O is therefore welcomed, however there do not appear to be any recorded public rights over the lane that runs between O and the B2149.

To avoid creating a cul de sac at O, this part of the diversion must extend further eastwards along this lane from O to record a definitive bridleway all the way through to the B2149 (Durrants Road) at SU 7264 0988. **If there is any impediment to achieving this, e.g. due to the lane being in different ownership, this must be resolved before the Diversion Order is made.**

2. Width of diversion route

I note that the width of the diverted bridleway is to be 4 metres throughout, which complies with BHS advice on [Diverting a right of way](http://www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice) at www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice.

3. Surfacing

The diversion route should be surfaced according to BHS advice on [Surfaces](http://www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice), which can be found at www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice. The ideal surface for equestrian and pedestrian use would be short, firm and well-drained turf. If a more resilient surface is required then we would recommend self-binding gravel. Asphalt or Bituminous Mastic surfacing is not appropriate as it is often dangerously slippery for horses.

4. Separation from western access road

The section of the Diversion route from Point A to roughly 1/3 of the way between Points B and C will run alongside the vehicular access route. Can you please clarify what distance will separate the vehicular route from the bridleway and whether any planting or other form of screening/barrier is proposed between the two?

Finally, I note that the heading for Part 2 of the draft Order Schedule reads 'Description of site of new **footpath**' – I believe this should be amended to **bridleway**.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me if you wish to discuss any aspect of these comments further.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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