

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/20/00991

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/20/00991

Address: Pipeline from Proposed Reservoir Site, Middle Park Way to land adjacent to, West Street, Havant

Proposal: Outline application for (matters to be considered outlined in Table 2.2 in the submitted Development Specification) development of a new pipeline to transfer water from Bedhampton Springs to fill the reservoir in the winter and draw it off to treat and supply when needed in the summer comprising: Construction of an underground, bi-directional pipeline linking the reservoir with the existing pumping station at Bedhampton; Emergency drawdown discharge structure at Hermitage Stream; Upgrades to existing culverts; Washout and air valve chambers (typically below ground).

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Comments

The Ramblers Association recognizes the disruption inevitably to be caused with the construction of the pipeline serving the Havant Thicket Reservoir. However, while the accompanying document (Environmental Statement Volume 2 - Main Report Chapters 11 and 13) refers to the need to divert a PRoW in the proximity of the reservoir, the PRoW affected by the pipeline are not considered.

For the pipeline, the focus of the application is on the impact on the roads directly affected and the need for road closures as construction proceeds. But a number of footpaths will be affected directly also - FP 41b, FP 507, FP 33, FP 505 and FP 506a - either by the pipeline construction itself or associated culvert improvement work. Specifically: FP 41b will need to be temporarily closed since it leads off North Street; FP 33 is crossed by the pipeline opposite Hooks Farm Way; FP 505 is affected by the culvert improvement work; and 506a is affected by the culvert improvement work at Eversley Crescent and the pipeline crossing it at Highclere Avenue.

It is also noted that Engineering and Design report (page 52 paragraph 3.1.34) suggests that an alternative route for the pipeline could be the other side of the stream to avoid the pinch points altogether. FP 506b is on the east side of Hermitage Stream. Therefore taking such action as suggested needs to be avoided.

Where a temporary closure of a PRow or other walking route is required, this must be for as short a period of time as possible. Also a temporary diversion must be provided that minimizes the extra distance that pedestrians need to walk and ensures that traffic and pedestrian segregation is maintained. It is assumed that, once completed, the sites will be restored to a standard that allows the footpath to be reinstated and used as before the works started.