

**App/20/00990. Reservoir Wetlands. Reserved matters Phase 2.
Discharge of Planning Condition 36.
Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures.**

Comments on behalf of Havant Climate Alliance and Havant Friends of the Earth.

We object to some aspects of the measures proposed. These should be addressed before Condition 36 is discharged.

1. While we agree that there should be a mosaic of habitats across the retained wetlands on the northern edge of the reservoir, we think that the report lacks detail. What types of habitat will be created in each of the 4 compartments and how will these relate to each other?
2. In mitigation for habitats lost, there should be plans to plant more trees and shrubs which can act as additional screening for the wetlands.
3. When discussed at the Stakeholders' Environment Sub Group, the new alignment of hides and islands was not thought to be ideal. Further discussion is needed for the group to look at this, before Condition 36 comes forward for discharge.
4. We object to the bund which extends to the north of several of the wetland compartments. This was not included in the original plan. Wildfowl like to feed where they can see an escape route to the water, so will be reluctant to feed north of the crest of the bund, where the water will not be visible. This will reduce the feeding area available to them, as well as acting as a barrier for a natural merging of habitats from water to the woodland edge.