

Hello to all the planning committee team,

I am very worried about a proposed change by Portsmouth Water to site the valve tower in the middle of the reservoir. This in my opinion will be very dangerous. I have no idea why they have not realised this. Young people will see this as a challenge to swim out to. They will want to show off to their friends. This change is not needed. I feel this will dramatically increase the risk of drownings after cold water shock has set in. Please do not approve this change. The original Reservoir was approved due to the fact that the previous committee, were not given the full long-term plan and facts. Portsmouth Water insisted it ISCA biodiversity net gain! This is ludicrous as they and Southern water always planned to turn it into an industrial reservoir, which is totally the opposite. The ultimate goal is to fill it with recycled sewage effluent for drinking water. The planning committee were led to believe they would be fully responsible for any change of use, alongside EHDC. They were totally misled as a DCO has been sought via an NSIP as I am sure you are aware. Please complete all your due diligence as the previous committee unfortunately didn't. A bit of digging which deputies did would have meant they were aware of the real long term plan. I did alert EHDC in my role as a deputy of the 'toilet to tap' plan after being banned from mentioning it by Lewis Oliver the Principal Planning officer at the time. I defied him and told them at EHDC and he said to disregard my comment, and any changes at all would be decided at local level, which was not true. Please do your research on all this first please