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Dear Gary / Narindar

Application: East Hampshire 51680/003

Proposal: Application for approval of all Reserved Matters relating to Phase 1 (northern access route from Manor Lodge Road (B2149)) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir Project (Hybrid permission 51680/001)) and approval of condition Nos: 2, 13, 20, 27, 28, 32, 36, 37, 38 and 39 also in relation to the northern access route (Additional drainage/landscape information received 14.10.22)

Application: Havant Borough Council APP/22/00681

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Location: Havant Thicket Winter Storage Reservoir, Manor Lodge Road, Rowlands Castle.

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the aforementioned reserved matters application for the aforementioned applications and apologies for the long delay in our response.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has no objection to the application and supports the measures set out in the following:

- Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures for the Northern Access Road
- Landscape and Ecology Management Plan
- Biodiversity Mitigation and Compensation Strategy
- Wetland Concept and Outline Design

Natural England welcomes the proposals for the reuse of deadwood on site, but it is disappointing that this is not properly quantified, i.e. no information is provided on the proportion of dead wood

that will be reused on site. The appropriate use of wood derived from ancient woodland, including its use in support of heritage restoration projects and as a biodiverse habitat, is an important consideration and in our view further information should be provided as to how the timber and arisings derived from the ancient woodland will be used. This information should include an indication of the minimum quantity of dead wood to be retained on site.

I can also confirm Natural England has no further comment on the remaining documentation.

Should you require further information or clarification of this advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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