

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/24/00312

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/00312

Address: Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Havant

Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of Conditions 2 and 3 of the Hybrid permission planning reference APP/20/00990 dated 15th October 2021 for proposed changes to the size and alignment of the main reservoir embankment.

Case Officer: Narinder Lakhan

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Ramblers Association, South East Hants Group

Comments

We have objections to this application for two reasons.

Firstly, the east end of the PRow bridleway (RowlandsCastle29) is not being changed by the creation of the reservoir. That part of the bridleway between Manor Lodge Road and the application 'red line' is to remain. This is not shown on any of the plans. The new exit for the diverted PRow bridleway (Havant120/RowlandsCastle29) is in addition to the existing exit not replacing it. The plans should show this remaining part of bridleway RowlandsCastle29 and there must be a dedicated PRow bridleway connecting it to the part of the PRow that has been diverted.

Secondly, the proposed 'Southern Access Road' connection to Swanmore Road is not suitable as far as the PRow are concerned. In the past the PRow (Havant121) went north from this point until it met the east-west bridleway (Havant120/RowlandsCastle29) forming a route to Rowlands Castle. The proposed application diverts the east-west path around the southern edge of the reservoir. The application plans propose the route from Swanmore Road would now go north for 1/4 mile on the west side of the 'Southern Access Road' until it meets bridleway Havant120. It would then cross the access road and return 1/4 mile south on the other (east) side of the access road before continuing around the reservoir to Rowlands Castle. This is nonsense. There must be a crossing point at the southern end of the access road and it must be dedicated as a PRow. There are indications on the plans of cycle access into the reservoir site further south (about 100m) on Swanmore Road. If this, or any other, is intended to meet the need for a connection between Havant121 and the diverted Havant120 then it must be stated as such and it must be dedicated as a PRow.