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Dear Mr Lakhan,

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

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.

Thank you for the consultation on the above Section 73 application in relation to the main reservoir embankment and conditions 2 and 3 of the Hybrid Permission 51680/001.

The condition requirements are not a consideration of the Highway Authority.

The applicant has submitted a number of documents in relation to the embankment changes. These are set out within the covering letter provided by them. The design of the embankment itself sits outside the highway and does not create a new street. The design still includes the onsite pedestrian and cycle provision as well as the vehicular access roads within the site. Some of this infrastructure falls within the jurisdiction of Countryside Services as it will form a future Public Right of Way and they should be consulted directly.

Southern Access Road

This has been included within the design, but the route and alignment of this road has not changed from the approved drawing HTR-ATK-AR-RE-DR-D-0006 Rev A1 to HTR-GHD-ZZ-ZZ-DR-T-0002 Rev P03. It is noted that this is subject to detailed design and during the hybrid application representations from the Highway included discussing

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the location of appropriate crossing facilities and integration with Bridleway 121. This point remains outstanding and should be covered in any future RM application for this link.

The access to Swanmore Road has been shown in the proposed drawing pack as drawing HTR-GHD-ZZ-ZZ-DR-T-0003 Rev P02. This drawing differs from that in the approved Hybrid Application but does not reflect the in-principal layout agreed after consultation with the British Horse Society. The correct drawing reference is HTR-ATK-ZZ-ZZ-HW-SK-0001. This plan should be submitted as it reflects greater detail of the approved principles of the scheme.

Pedestrian and Cycle Accessibility Changes

Drawing HTR-GHD-ZZ-ZZ-DR-T-0001 Rev P02 has been submitted to show the revised outline masterplan for the Reservoir site. This has been compared with the approved plan HTR-ATK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-L-0001. Connectivity of the cycle path network from Staunton Country Park south of the embankment remains an outstanding issue for the outline consent. The offsite routes should be connected appropriately to the onsite cycle routes. There is an annotation of pedestrian access south of the viewing point which should come forward within the reserved matters detail as a cycle connection. There is also a connection point for cyclists onto Swanmore Road via the location of the existing field gate and this is shown as pedestrian only, but is to be designed for cyclists with the reserved matters detail.

There is also a pedestrian access location in the southwestern corner of the site but there is no connection point shown on the plan, this should be clearly marked.

Generally, the routes are connecting into the existing PRow network and Countryside Services should be consulted directly for their considerations.

Recommendations

The Highway Authority believe the information submitted does not in all respects reflect the revised detail available to inform the S73 application. Whilst these matters can be dealt with through the RM consents if amendments are to be made to the plans prior to determination the comments made should be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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