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Our ref: 470891 and 471656  
Your ref: APP/24/00186 and APP/20/00990



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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Narinder

**Planning consultations:**

- APP/24/00186 - RM relating to Phase 2 (Wetland) of Thicket Reservoir development condition 2 of Hybrid permission planning ref. APP/20/00990
- APP/20/00990 - Discharge of conditions for Hybrid consultation Request to discharge conditions 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 27, 36 and 39

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

Thank you for your consulting Natural England on the aforementioned discharge of conditions for the above application.

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 previously responded to Phase 1 of this application (APP/22/00681 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022) where we agreed 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

**Conditions 36 – Phase 2 Wetland Design**

We note that the Environment Agency has requested further detail regarding flood risk and biodiversity matters. Provided the detail set out in the supporting Phase 2 Wetlands Reserved Matters (February 2024) is in line with the outline strategy and this Phase 2 design is agreed by the Environment Agency then Natural England has no comments to make on the discharge of this condition.

**Construction Environmental Management Plan:**

The above document also refers to construction environmental management. Natural England advises this is submitted to and agreed by your ecologist. Provided the CEMP is agreed, fully secured and adhered to at all times then Natural England has no comments to make on this aspect.

**Condition 39 Soil Management Plan**

We welcome measures to allow ancient woodland soils to naturally revegetate after spreading. Natural England has no further comments to make on the discharge of this condition.

**Protected species**

If any of the conditions relate to protected species, please note the following:

We have not assessed this application and associated documents for impacts on protected species.

Natural England has produced [standing advice](#)<sup>1</sup> to help planning authorities understand the impact of particular developments on protected species. We advise you to refer to this advice. Natural England will only provide bespoke advice on protected species where they form part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest or in exceptional circumstances.

Natural England has no comments to make on any other conditions in this consultation.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>