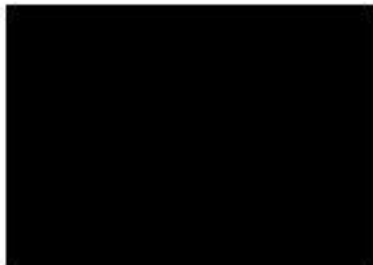


Attn: Mr Lewis Oliver
East Hampshire District Council



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Ref: Section 257 diversion of bridleway Havant120/Rowlands Castle29

Comment: On behalf of the Ramblers Association. SEHants Group

We understand the need for the reservoir and accept the diversion of this bridleway to make way for the reservoir. We do have objections to the details of this proposed diversion.

Firstly, the proposed diverted route will run parallel to bridleway Havant121 (either side of the southern access road). It will then run close to Swanmore Road. The proposed pedestrian access points from this road should be dedicated as public footpaths linking to Havant121 not just permissive paths. The current plan shows no right of way connections between Havant121 and Havant120 except at the north end of Havant121.

Secondly, the new diverted route must be fully created before the existing route is closed. It is not acceptable to ignore this step on the basis that the diverted route will immediately have a temporary diversion placed on it once it is created. This additional temporary diversion of the proposed diversion of this order is due to last up to 10years. Our preferred solution would be to divert Havant121/Rowlands Castle29 around the north side of the reservoir following the suggested temporary diversion route. The southern route (as shown in this order) would then be dedicated as a bridleway once the reservoir is complete. This would provide public rights of way around both north and south of the reservoir which would compensate for the loss of the direct route extinguished by the reservoir.

For and on behalf of the Rambler's Association - SE Hants Group.

Peter Westron.