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Subject: Objection to partial discharge of Condition 32 APP/20/00990 for Phase 3 - Havant Thicket Reservoir

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Havant Thicket Reservoir Implementation:

Application to Havant Borough Council to partially discharge Condition 32 attached to planning permission reference APP/20/00990 for Phase 3

Dear Narinder,

I wish to object to the partial discharge of Condition 32 in relation to Phase 3 of the Havant Thicket Reservoir. I note that the receiving drainage networks from Phase 3 are to be located within Phases 4 and 8 of the schemes.

- Section 6.1 of the GHD Drainage Management Plan seeks to outline the strategy for these successive phases to provide a background to the overall drainage scheme which Phase 3 will utilise. It refers to "On-line detention basins located south of the Phase 3 planning boundary proposed to attenuate the remaining volume of surface water"
- Section 7.3.2 refers to 'Detention Basins' with inlets and outlets and overflows.
- The drawings in Appendix H show the location for 4 'Attenuation Basins'.

The proposal outlined makes provision for Detention/ Attenuation Basins to collect the embankment core drainage and surface water run-off from the embankment outer slope. This is not in accordance with the Biodiversity Strategy and Landscape Environment Management Plan. In the SW of the site, water drainage from the embankment structures (including surface water run-off) was to be collected in the toe drains and directed to very shallow depressions/ scrapes in the natural bowl alongside the remaining section of the Riders Lane Stream, which in turn would naturally drain to the existing stream. These shallow depressions/ scrapes fed with water from the embankment slopes / core would keep the ground, soil and vegetation in the depressions wet for longer, creating the best chance for re-creating the boggy conditions necessary for the restoration and expansion of rush pasture priority habitat to grow.

I object to the proposal for detention/ attenuation basins;

- Not directing the water from the embankments to the SW area as always intended wastes the opportunity to maximise the potential for re-creating and extending the area of priority habitat vegetation, to mitigate for loss of priority habitat which has already occurred as a result of the reservoir construction.
- Not creating the very shallow scrapes/ depressions in the SW reduces the biodiversity potential of the retained areas of the site. The depressions would have restored wet grassland habitats previously present

that were formerly used by snipe and other wildlife. This is even more important now that the original soil and vegetation has been removed from the SW retained area.

- The very shallow scrapes/ depressions on the clay soils would have remained wet for most of the year, discouraging public access from the natural topographic bowl alongside the stream, as was historically the case. If the wet grassland and priority habitat is not restored to wet grassland disturbance of this area is inevitable as the recreational pressure will increase once the reservoir is complete.
- The Detention/ Accumulation Basins shown on the drawings in Appendix H will intermittently hold standing water creating additional and unnecessary health and safety risks at the site.

I ask that the LPA seek assurance from the developer that the strategy for drainage from the Phase 3 embankments, especially in the SW, is revised to optimise the biodiversity opportunities to create wet ground conditions to ensure that the conditions for development of rush pasture priority habitat and wet grassland are provided in the restored landscape, while discouraging public access.

Kind regards,