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Howard BC.

Howard Thicket Reservoir

For the attention of Narinder Lankhan.

Case Officer HBC & ETTDC

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Narinder Larkhan H.B.C Case Officer

Ref: HBC APP/24/0311 & 0312.

Havant Ticket Reservoir.

I wish to raise an objection to the above planning application.

1. HEALTH & SAFETY

I am concerned on health and safety grounds that a dangerous environment will result from locating the valve tower off shore.

I note that on page 13 of the Planning Statement:

(Create a safe environment to work and play) is a key design principle.

Moving the tower into the water seems contrary to this.

Locating the tower offshore was designed out of the original plans on health and safety grounds and was not included in the planning application approved in 2021.

I am very concerned that the safety aspect of moving the valve tower offshore was not even considered in Section 2.4.6 of the S73 Engineering and Design Report

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The Havant Ticket Reservoir site is located next to Warren Park and close to Leigh Park here in Havant. It is a large residential housing development where many children and young people live. Children and others may be tempted to swim out to the valve tower if it is located in the water and risk drowning.

These towers are often used in reservoirs but that is in rural areas. The situation here is different and this was carefully considered at the early stages of planning which I recall when I served on the stakeholder group. The valve tower was designed out on safety grounds and I cannot understand why Portsmouth Water should change this decision.

Concern was raised at the public consultation prior to the new planning application at the stakeholder workshop and the subsequent meeting but Portsmouth Water have disregarded these comments and concerns raised.

There are also safety risks associated with the tower being accessible during drawdown. Children may try to walk out to the tower.

2. Adverse visual impact from key viewpoints.

The original design, after considerable consultation was to create a NATURAL BODY OF WATER, rather than having the appearance of a man made reservoir. The offshore tower will breach design principles in this very important location and will not integrate with the rural landscape, ancient woodland and the Grade II listed Staunton Country Park and Gardens.

Significant adverse impacts from key viewpoints have not been adequately considered such as the view from the Terrace at Staunton Country Park where thousands of visitors stand every year. This is an important consideration.

Having attended the stakeholder workshop and viewed the planning application I can not find adequate justification for moving the value tower offshore

Incomplete application or premature application.

I also wish to object to the current proposal that separates this planning application from a further application, not yet discussed at the Steering Group for stakeholders, regarding access to the value tower by bridge or tunnel.

There has been sufficient time to include this detail in this application. I can not understand why this access is not included and feel therefore that the application is premature.

I am sorry I have had to hand write this letter due to my system being down as I change provider and I am unable to access the planning portal.