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Dear Sir

Diversion of Bridleway Havant 120 /Rowlands Castle 29

Your reference: 013658

Please accept this letter as an objection to the proposed change in the bridleway between Havant and Rowlands Castle.

I understand that the bridleway is inconveniently located over the site of the proposed new reservoir. The location of the replacement bridleway is problematic as a section of this will co-locate with an existing footpath (Staunton Way) which is commonly used by pedestrians which include those with small children and walking dogs. In addition, the proposed circumambulatory path in Portsmouth Water's reservoir submission was intended to be used as a cycle path as well. Those with experience of bridleways will be aware that horses require a lot of room when encountering walkers. In addition, horses do not mix with either dogs or bicycles (and don't do well near small children).

The proposal to co-locate to bridleway will create a risk to the public and necessitate public liability insurance which the local taxpayer is expected to fund. As a requirement of the reservoir, Portsmouth Water should be asked to fund all insurance policies associated with the reservoir. (This should include not just the public liability insurance for co-locating a bridleway with an existing footpath, but also for all increases in residents' insurance premiums from being located within 400m of the reservoir.)

The alternative is for planning permission of the reservoir to be granted only for the area to the West of The Avenue (this is topographically more suitable) and thus avoid co-locating the bridleway over the existing footpath. The bridleway to the West of The Avenue can be diverted to the North of the reservoir may be more suitable as it would meet up with the proposed visitor centre.

Yours faithfully

