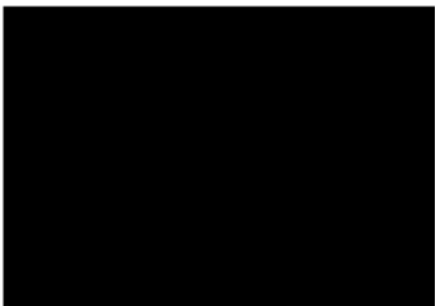


Attn: Mr Lewis Oliver
East Hampshire District Council



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Ref: Section 257 diversion of bridleway Havant121

Comment: On behalf of the Ramblers Association. SEHants Group

We have no objection in principle to this diversion as the proposed diversion is the route that has been used for many years. We do however have concerns over the details of the order.

Firstly, the order states that both East Hampshire District Council and Havant Borough Council are making the order and both will certify the creation of the diverted highway. The introductory letter says this is because the bridleway runs across the administrative area of both councils. This is not correct. The reservoir development crosses the area of both councils, this bridleway does not. It is entirely within the Havant Borough Council area.

Secondly, the majority of the diversion, at least, is onto a publicly maintained road (Swanmore Road). The part A to C on your plan follows the centre line of the carriageway. The part C to D is on the grass verge of the road, which, depending on the legal width of the road, is also part of the road. Thus the part of the diversion A to C, being in the middle of the road, will not be usable as a bridleway. All of the diversion (along with the rest of the southern end of the bridleway) will run along the publicly maintained Swanmore Road and thus is liable for extinguishment on this basis.

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

Peter Westron.