

Dear Narinder

We object to the discharge of Phase 3 Condition 32 in relation to the proposed drainage networks located within Phases 4 and 8 of the scheme.

The outlined proposal is for 4 Detention/Attenuation Basins to collect the embankment core drainage and surface water run off from the embankment outer slope.

2 of these would drain directly to Riders Lane Stream and 2 into Durrants Stream.

This does not accord with the Biodiversity Strategy and Landscape Environment Management Plan. Drainage from the embankment was to be collected in toe drains and directed towards the south-west of the site. Here it would collect in shallow scrapes and depressions within the natural bowl of land, before ultimately draining into Riders Lane Stream. This would allow the ground in the south-west to remain boggy for most of the year, enabling the restoration and expansion of rush pasture priority habitat and the biodiversity that goes with it. Much of this has already been lost in the construction of the reservoir and there is no plan to effectively mitigate it elsewhere.

With reference to the GHD Drainage Management Plan:

1. Section 6.1. states that the outline strategy for the Phase 3 overall drainage scheme will utilise "On-line detention basins located south of the Phase 3 planning boundary proposed to attenuate the remaining volume of surface water.

2. Section 7.3.2. refers to "Detention Basins".

3. Appendix H drawings show the location of the 4 "Attenuation Basins".

We ask Havant Borough Council to refuse discharge of Condition 32 unless plans are revised to ensure that sufficient run-off water is directed to land in the south-west, where it can create conditions to restore rush pasture priority habitat.

