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Dear Mr Lakhan

Havant Thicket Reservoir Implementation:

Application to Havant Borough Council to discharge Conditions 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 27, 36 and 39 on application reference APP/20/00990

This application

Further to our recent conversations, on behalf of Portsmouth Water's appointed contractor, Future Water JV Ltd, I am writing to formally apply to partially discharge planning conditions as part of the implementation of Havant Thicket Reservoir:

Condition 5 - Construction Environment Management Plan

Condition 6 - Construction Method Statement

Condition 9 - Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan

Condition 10 - Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment

Condition 12 - Construction Traffic Management Plan

Condition 27 - Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Condition 36 - Ecological Mitigation

Condition 39 - Soil Management Plan

Conditions 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 27 and 39 are being applied for discharge for the majority of the remaining phases of the reservoir construction (Phases 2 to 8 as set out in the Phasing Plan v9 (23.01.2024)). These do not relate to Phase 9 – the Visitor Facilities.

For Condition 36 a partial discharge is sought as the Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures report is specific to Phase 2 Wetlands works.

These conditions have previously been partially discharged for Phase 1, the Northern Access Road.

The application has been submitted through the Planning Portal and the application fee of £145.00 (plus the administration fee) has been paid online.

A duplicate application has been submitted to East Hampshire District Council.

The application comprises:

This covering letter

Application form

Condition 5:

- o Construction Environment Management Plan – *HTR-RHD-P2-RE-PL-Z-0018 – CEMP Rev3.pdf*
- o Dust Management Plan - *HTR-FUW-P2-RE-PL-W-0517 – DMP Rev3.pdf*

Condition 6:

- o Construction Method Statement - *HTR-FUW-RZ-RE-MS-W-0505 – CMS Rev8.pdf*

Condition 9:

- o Noise and Vibration Management Plan - *HTR-RHD-P2-RE-PL-W-0017 – NVMP Rev5.pdf*

Condition 10

- o Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment - *HTR-RHD-P2-RE-EN-Z-0009 – NVIA RevP05.pdf*

Condition 12:

- o Construction Traffic Management Plan - *HTR-FUW-RZ-RE-HS-W-506-Construction Traffic Management Plan P7.pdf*
- o Construction Worker Travel Plan - *HTR-FUW-ZZ-ZZ-PL-W-532.pdf*

Condition 27:

- o Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan - *HTR-RHD-ZZ-XX-RP-Z-0001 – AIA and TPP Rev P02.pdf*

Condition 36:

- o Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures – Phase 2 - *HTR-RHD-P2-XX-RP-Z-0002 Rev2.pdf*

Condition 39:

- o Soil Management Plan - *HTR-FUW-P2-RE-RM-W-0006 – SMP RevC04.pdf*

Other conditions

For the avoidance of doubt, I can confirm that Conditions 21 to 23 (Archaeology) have already been discharged, as has Condition 29 (Renewable Energy Strategy) for relevant phases of the project.

There is no submission to discharge Condition 20 as there is no permanent lighting proposed as part of the Wetland Phase.

A separate application will be submitted to seek the discharge of Condition(s) 32 and 35.

Condition 8 – Working Hours: Formal request for the LPA's approval of works to be undertaken outside of the hours specified in the condition

Condition 8 states that:

“No construction on the reservoir site shall take place outside the hours of 07:30-18:00 Monday to Friday, 07:30-13:00 on Saturday and no Sunday working, with the exception of specific works that shall have been agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority in advance and shall include details of the task, the date and duration of works. No works shall take place on Bank or Public Holidays.”

Future Water formally requests that the LPA gives its approval in advance for the following specific works, as an exception to the hours of working specified in the condition.

The task for which the variation to the working hours is requested is the earthworks construction of the wetland retaining structure and the main reservoir embankment.

The current planning condition states working hours of; 7:30 – 18:00 Monday to Friday, 7:30 – 13:00 on Saturday and no Sunday working.

Future Water's proposal would be to extend the working hours to 07:00 – 19:00 Monday to Fridays with no change to Saturday and Sunday.

Future Water's proposal would extend the Monday to Friday working hours by 30 minutes in the morning and 1 hour in the evening.

This variation would relate to the earthworks for the project, which are focused within the core of the reservoir site. The earthworks are a seasonal activity that will be undertaken during an earthworks season of March to September each year until the works are completed (this is anticipated to start (subject to reserved matters approval) in Summer 2024 and extend into 2025, 2026 and 2027. The earthworks cannot be undertaken when ground conditions worsen, and they are at risk of overrunning if adverse weather conditions are experienced during the earthworks season. This is something which Future Water unfortunately experienced in 2022 when constructing the Trial Embankment. At that time, a temporary extension to the working hours was agreed with the LPAs towards the end of Summer 2022 – extending working hours to 07:00 to 19:00 seven days a week (i.e. at that time including Saturdays and Sundays – which are not proposed as part of this request). This extension was agreed on the premise that, if any disruption was brought to the LPA attention, this would be reviewed – however Future Water completed the works without issue and without any requirement for the LPA to review the agreement.

Future Water's proposal would extend the Monday to Friday earthworks operations by 90 minutes a day during the earthworks season, maximising the earthworks activity that can be completed each day, and so de-risk the works overrunning.

The information submitted to secure the discharge of planning conditions has been prepared on the basis of the extended working hours sought as set out above. The Construction Environmental Management Plan (Condition 5), Noise and Vibration Management Plan (Condition 9), Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (Condition 10), Construction Traffic Management Plan and Construction Worker Travel Plan (Condition 12), and the Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures – Phase 2 (Condition 36) are all considered to demonstrate that the proposed extended working hours relating to the earthworks will not generate likely significant effects on the environment, and that the proposed extended working hours are acceptable. The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment and Management Plan specifically consider and encompass the proposed extended working hours.

Future Water therefore formally requests that the LPA, in addition to discharge the relevant conditions referred to above, formally gives its agreement to the following variation to the working hours specified in Condition 8:

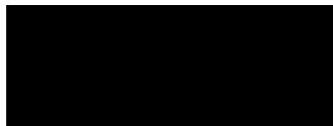
That earthworks for the wetland retaining structure and main reservoir embankment be allowed to be undertaken from 7:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday, and not on Saturday, Sunday or recognised bank holidays.

Summary

I would be grateful for the local planning authority's discharge of these conditions at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any queries on the application or require any additional information, please contact me on 07919 486420 or a.blaxland@adamshendry.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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