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I wish to express my deep concerns at the changes to the reservoir that have been recently proposed.

The recent changes seem to defeat what we are trying to achieve. The climate change emergency and state of nature report show clearly that we are not on track to improve our environment. This project is part of this dilemma. Nature based solutions are the best and not more concreting and creating therefore more future problems.

I am concerned that this way of getting something passed by planning and then putting them into separate applications is disingenuous. On their own the changes are not especially significant but when placed all together they change the nature of what was originally passed.

The same happened to the Havant thicket reservoir. The plan of a nature hub for residents of Havant and Leigh park seems to be slowly watered down. The latest changes that Portsmouth water have proposed seem to be moving the water sports and leisure zone further away from this towards a more industrial reservoir.

I object strongly to the off shore valve tower.

Having a big concrete valve tower set out in the reservoir to be seen from most view points gives the whole reservoir a much more industrial look - not the naturalistic look that was originally proposed. The original plan was in keeping with woodland setting and historic park landscape - this plan undermines it.

The original siting of it was incorporated in the banks. Why was this changed?

Another concern is that part of the feeder stream to the Hermitage stream seems to be reduced. Changes of natural environments have huge consequences which we are just beginning to understand.

I hope you understand my genuine concerns.

We can avoid degrading our environment by looking more to nature based solutions rather than our industrial destruction of valuable land.

In the long term this is a much better approach.

