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Havant Planning application APP/20/00990 Thicket Reservoir

Thank you for your e mail of 11th May, it was appreciated. I hadn't planned to ask to speak. The following describes Cycling UK and summarise the primary points raised on the application and should be suitable for circulation before the meeting if you consider that to be helpful.

Comments made are on behalf of Cycling UK, a charity, established in 1878 as the Bicycle Touring Club, later became the Cyclists' Touring Club and Cycling UK in 2016. Current membership is about 65,000. Portsmouth CTC with about 1,000 members is the local members group. Normally it runs cycle rides on most days. Most from Havant.

Cycling UK's objectives are to:

- Promote community participation in healthy recreation by promoting the amateur sport of cycling, cycle touring and associated amateur sports;
- Preserve and protect the health and safety of the public by encouraging and facilitating cycling and the safety of cyclists;
- Advance education by whatever means [Cycling UK's] trustees think fit, including the provision of cycling, training and educational activities related to cycling.

A summary of comments made that could be circulated to the committee are as follows:

The reservoir is a strategic development benefiting the wider community and provides opportunities to increase cycling and walking in a wide area improving health and wellbeing of the community and reducing the need for polluting vehicles.

Specific issues

- Increased of traffic between 2005 & 2015 on the B2149 made this well cycled road risky to cycle and cycled by very few people. It's used as an alternative route north avoiding the junction at the south end of A3(M) but the effect on cycling was not considered. A north south cycle route parallel to the A2149 and A3M is urgently needed from Horndean to the Havant cycle network in Leigh Park. This is noted in the EHDC LCWIP. The planned cycle infrastructure in the reservoir site could enable part of the route.
- Two good north south bound cycle routes north from Havant Town, Hermitage Stream & Petersfield Road don't connect into the site. A suggested route through Staunton CP is in poor condition & limits cycling to a small percentage of users in good weather.
- Cycling & walking access from Cowplain is omitted from consideration except along BW120 that due to terrain is not viable for most people. This is surprising as a large proportion of people who now use the site come from Cowplain. Park Lane Bridleway BW123 is currently badly damaged but linking the site to it and repairing BW123 repairing it would open up cycling into Cowplain & Hermitage stream route.
- Possible routes for cycling on site seem to be addressed but references to construction methods are inappropriate. Dept for Transport Local Transport Note 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design identifies minimum standards for successful cycle route construction but standards suggested are lower. The LTN is very similar to Transport for London and Highways England standards that have been used successfully for many years.

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