

For Attention of: Narinder Lakhan, Havant Borough Council

Site: Havant Thicket Reservoir Site PO9 6HE

Proposal: Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance and landscaping) relating to Phase 5 (Control House) of the Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024.

Application Number: APP/25/00988

Our Reference: NH/25/14287

Dear Narinder

Thank you for your e-mail dated 22 December 2025 regarding the above planning application.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such National Highways works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A3(M) and A27.

We have reviewed information available on your planning portal and we are satisfied that the proposals will not materially impact safety, reliability and / or operation of the SRN (based on the tests set out in DfT Circular 01/2022 and DLUHC NPPF 2023) and we therefore have 'No Objections'.

Regards

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