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Dear Sir/Madam,

Discharge of conditions 20, 28,29,32 and 36 of planning permission APP/24/00312 relating to Phase 5 Control Room at Havant Thicket Reservoir Site(Application No. APP/25/00989

Hampshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has provided comments in relation to the above application in our role as statutory consultee on surface water drainage for major developments.

This response does not reflect the position of Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority. If there is a potential for the drainage features to be offered for adoption, this will need to be discussed separately with Highways development planning as they might not be considered acceptable by the Highway Authority.

In order to assist applicants in providing the correct information to their Local Planning Authority for planning permission, Hampshire County Council has set out the information it requires to provide a substantive response at https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/planning

The County Council has reviewed the following documents relating to the above application:

- Control Building Drainage Management Plan P02

We have reviewed Condition 32 only as this is the only condition that falls under our remit.

32 No phase of the development approved under Condition 4 shall commence until a detailed scheme, to ensure the development will not increase the risk of

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flooding, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. Specifically, further details should be provided where relevant to that phase including:
• A detailed drainage management plan that adequately details the management of the drainage associated with the phase.
• Detailed information surrounding a number of permanent structural elements including the proposed dimensions and height of the embankment, associated spillway, control house and wetland retaining structure (including the proposed piped controls). Confirmation should be provided through detailed modelling that flood risk will not be increased as a result of any design changes.
• Detailed information including the long-term maintenance scheduled for the proposed development.
• Detailed information on the proposed location and design of the visitor centre, including proposed finished floor levels.
• Should the proposed access routes to and from the visitor centre be situated within proximity to main river or within the flood zone then further details should be provided on the associated impacts on flood risk and the proposed mitigation measures.

The above information has been reviewed and we have no comments to make.

As a statutory consultee, the County Council has a duty to respond to consultations within **21 days**. The 21 day period will not begin until we have received sufficient information to enable us to provide a meaningful response.

Please ensure all data is sent to us via the relevant Local Planning Authority.

If you require additional guidance on providing the correct information, we recommend you use our **Surface Water Management Pre-application service** which will enable discussions with the reviewing engineer and scope out works that would address the points raised. For full details, please visit: https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/planning and click on pre-application advice request form.

This response has been provided using the best knowledge and information submitted by the applicant as part of the planning application at the time of responding and is reliant on the accuracy of that information.

Yours faithfully,

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Web:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding

General guidance for the application

It is important to ensure that the long-term maintenance and responsibility for Sustainable Drainage Systems is agreed between the Local Planning Authority and the applicant before planning permission is granted. This should involve discussions with those adopting and/or maintaining the proposed systems, which could include the Highway Authority, Planning Authority, Parish Councils, Water Companies and private management companies.

For SuDS systems to be adopted by Hampshire Highways it is recommended that you visit the website at:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/constructionstandards for guidance on which drainage features would be suitable for adoption.

Where the proposals are connecting to an existing drainage system it is likely that the authorities responsible for maintaining those systems will have their own design requirements. These requirements will need to be reviewed and agreed as part of any surface water drainage scheme.

Works in relation to ordinary watercourses

PLEASE NOTE: If the proposals include works to an ordinary watercourse, under the Land Drainage Act 1991, as amended by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, prior consent from the Lead Local Flood Authority is required. ***This consent is required as a separate permission to planning.***

Information on ordinary watercourse consenting can be found at the following link
https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/changewatercourse

It is strongly recommended that this information is reviewed before Land Drainage consent application is made.

For guidance on providing the correct information, we recommend you use our ***Ordinary Watercourse Consents Pre-application service*** *and help avoid delays occurring at the formal application stage. A Pre-application service for Ordinary Watercourse Consents is available, allowing consents to go through in a smoother, often more timely manner. For full information please visit:*
https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/changewatercourse