

Climate Change Coordinator Comments

Application No	APP/25/00989
Address	Havant Thicket Reservoir Site
Development	Discharge of conditions 20, 28,29,32 and 36 of planning permission APP/24/00312 relating to Phase 5 Control Room
Case Officer	NL
Comments By	EC
Date of Comments	21 st April 2026
<p>The applicant is seeking to discharge condition 29 of planning permission APP/25/00989. Condition 9 reads:</p> <p><i>“No development shall take place until a Renewable Energy Strategy has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter.”</i></p> <p>The applicant has submitted a Renewable Energy Strategy (Phases 1-8) Main Reservoir Works Phase Date: 28/11/25 Rev: FW01 Document Reference: HTR-FUW-P5-CB-RP-W-1709 in order to discharge this condition. The report provides detail over the assessment and determination of approach onsite and concludes <i>‘The strategy prioritises energy reduction and efficiency through design and engineering choices, with a detailed assessment of on-site renewable energy opportunities. Due to the environmental sensitivities and planning constraints of the reservoir site, large-scale on-site renewable installations such as wind turbines, solar arrays, and hydroelectric systems have been deemed unfeasible. Microgeneration technologies have also been evaluated, with limited applicability for the Control House, as the only building in Phases 1-8, due to its location within a conservation area and proximity to sensitive ecological features.</i></p> <p><i>Recognising these constraints, the RES identifies off-site renewable energy provision as a viable alternative with Portsmouth Water currently delivering a programme of solar generation and battery storage projects to provide renewable energy across their sites. This initiative complements Portsmouth Water’s existing HTR-FUW-P5-CB-RP-W-1709 Page 14 of 15 commitment to sourcing 99% of its electricity from the grid backed by Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGO) certificates.</i></p> <p>Following previous comments highlighting the concern that no provision is to be accommodated onsite, further information has been submitted by the applicant providing further detail regarding the assessment that’s been undergone to justify this lack of provision and to confirm that in phase 9 of the application, these considerations will be included. It has been acknowledged that the authority cannot accept an off-site provision as a viable alternative for the renewable requirements onsite and that this should be accommodate onsite where possible.</p> <p>Taking into account the above and the wording of the condition, it is considered that an objection could not be sustained and therefore the condition can be discharged.</p> <p><u>Conclusion:</u></p> <p>Following an assessment of the information submitted, condition 29 can be discharged.</p>	