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To: Narinder Lakhan

Cc: Norton, Tristan

Subject: APP/26/00542 Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

Dear Narinder,

APP/26/00542 | Details to discharge Conditions 13 (Disabled Access), 28 (Landscaping), Condition (32 Drainage Management Plan) and 36 (Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures) in respect of Phase 6 (Forestry England Track Raising) of planning permission reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024. | Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

Thank you for consulting me on this application for the discharge of conditions relating to Phase 6 (Forestry England track and culverts) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development. My comments relate solely to the discharge of conditions 28 and 32. I have reviewed the landscaping arrangement drawing submitted alongside the reserved matters application APP/26/00561. I have reviewed the Ecological Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement Measures report (Future Water, July 2026), and the Arboricultural and Silvicultural Appraisal and Tree Protection Statement (Advanced Arboriculture/Future Water, July 2026).

The eastern and western areas combined will result in significant tree loss, albeit considerably lower than previous estimates and including retained trees that are expected to succumb to waterlogging. The majority of the affected trees are commercial non-native conifer species which are highly unlikely to persist within saturated/flooded areas post-reservoir. Some retained trees will be subject to veteranisation and others will be coppiced. I am content that the proposed arboricultural works have been explained and justified in detail.

The post-works landscaping arrangements include areas of meadow and wetland/water edge seeding. I am content that the proposed seeding mixes are suitable.

Construction works are to be subject to ecological supervision, with impacts to certain protected species such as bats and Hazel Dormouse falling under the project-wide species licensing regime. As with other phases of work I am confident that potential impacts to protected and notable species can be managed in a proportionate manner.

Overall, the submitted information is satisfactory.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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