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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance, and landscaping) relating to Phase 4 (Southern Access Road) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to Condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024. at Havant Thicket Reservoir Site (Application No. APP/26/00425)

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

HCC as LLFA were consulted previously on this application and provided comments in our letter dated 30th July 2026. We have been reconsulted following receipt of updated information.

Director of Universal Services
Patrick Blogg

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

- Indicative Drainage Layout serving Phase 3 Sheet 1 of 4 HTR-GHD-ZZ-ZZ-DR-D-0001 Rev P01 Future Water 04.06.24
- Indicative Drainage Layout serving Phase 3 Sheet 2 of 4 HTR-GHD-ZZ-ZZ-DR-D-0002 Rev P01 Future Water 04.06.24

The above plans indicate the proposed layout of the surface water drainage system for phase 4 of the development. This information is sufficient to assist our understanding of the proposals as per our request in our last response.

We believe a feasible concept drainage design has been presented. We consider this is a sufficient level of details to support the reserved matters application. The details of the design, including justification for the proposed discharge rate, should be confirmed before the surface water drainage condition can be discharged for phase 4. We look forward to being consulted on the phase 4 detailed drainage design and future application for discharge of condition 32.

We consider that the information provided is sufficient to address our previous comments and as such we have no objection to this reserved matters application.

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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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