

Havant Borough Council

Our Ref: SDNP/26/03170/ADJAUT
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25th August 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant: Havant Borough Council

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Havant Borough Council (APP/26/00574) - Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance, and landscaping) relating to Phase 9 (North West Corner and Visitor Centre) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to Condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024.

Location: Havant Thicket, Adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Havant,

Thank you for your correspondence received 5 August 2026, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

Although the application site is located outside of the National Park, the Council has a statutory duty to consider the Purposes of the National Park when making its determination.

The two statutory purposes of the SDNP designation are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage,
- To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

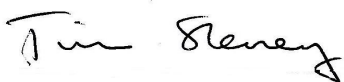
If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence. There is also a duty to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the local community in pursuit of these purposes.

Section 245 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (S.245 duty) amends and strengthens the Section 11A (2) duty of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 upon relevant authorities, which includes the National Park Authority itself, to 'seek to further the specified purposes of Protected Landscapes'.

The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

The SDNPA has no comment to make on the proposals.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Slaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'T' and a long, sweeping 'S'.

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