

Havant Borough Council
By Email

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Dear Planning Officer,

Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance, and landscaping) relating to Phase 9 (Northwest 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 (updated 3rd September 2026).

Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Havant

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application.

Having reviewed the application there are no changes in the revised documents that impact elements within our remit therefore our previous comments still stand. They are repeated below for ease.

Environment Agency position

We are broadly satisfied with the submission of Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance, and landscaping) relating to Phase 9 (North West Corner and Visitor Centre) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development. We would ask the applicant to consider the following:

Visitor centre location

As the visitor centre is located over the reservoir, it is unclear at what height the visitors centre will sit in comparison to the high-water level, including any exceedance levels.

We ask the applicant to define in detail what the high-water level and exceedance levels are, including potential for overtopping/erosion etc. to ensure the building and walkway is safe from flooding.

Additional comments

We support the inclusion of a biodiversity focused roof design and suggest this could be implemented elsewhere, including the car park/amenity areas. This would serve as an example to other developments on how this can be implemented in a car park/amenity area.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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