From: Norton, Tristan
Sent: 24 September 2026 14:41
To: Narinder Lakhan
Cc: Norton, Tristan
Subject: APP/26/00561 Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

Dear Narinder,

APP/26/00561| Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance, and landscaping) relating to Phase 6 (Forestry England Track Raising) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to Condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024. | Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

Thank you for consulting me on this application for the approval of reserved matters relating to Phase 6 (Forestry England track and culverts) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development. I have reviewed the submitted plans and documents and have previously 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. Key consultees, myself included, have had the opportunity to visit the site and discuss these matters.

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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