

For the attention of: Narinder Lakhan, Havant Borough Council

Site: Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 4NX

Proposal: Application for approval of all Reserved Matters (siting, scale, external appearance and landscaping) relating to Phase 7 (Spillway and Pipe) and Phase 8 (Remaining areas of hard and soft landscaping) of the Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to Condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312 dated 6th December 2024.

Your Reference No: APP/26/00679

Our Ref No: NH/26/18226

Dear Narinder,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 1 October 2026 consulting us in relation to the above.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such National Highways works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in case of this proposal, the A3(M) and A27.

We are being consulted on the approval of the reserved matters as per above description.

We have reviewed information available on your planning portal, and we are satisfied that the proposals will not materially impact safety, reliability and / or operation of the SRN, and we offer 'No Objections'.

Regards

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