

Havant Borough Council
Heritage Consultation Response

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Application – APP/26/00679

Site Address – Havant Thicket Reservoir Site

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 Havant Thicket Reservoir development pursuant to Condition 2 of the S73 consent planning reference APP/24/00312.

Site / Location

The application site relates to the Havant Thicket Reservoir site, which is located in Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park and with the Leigh Park Grade II* listed registered park and garden.

Legislation

When assessing the proposal, the following legislation and policy context is taken in consideration.

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 ("1990 Act") requires local planning authorities to have special regard to the desirability of preserving a listed building, its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest when considering whether to grant listed building consent.

Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a listed building or its setting, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a **Conservation Area**, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

National Planning Policy Framework (revised August 2026)

Chapter 20 of the NPPF relates to the Historic Environment.

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy 2011 and Allocations Plan 2014)

Policy CS11 – Protecting and Enhancing the Special Environment and Heritage of the Havant Borough

Policy CS16 – High-Quality Design

Policy DM20 (Allocations Plan) - Historic Assets

Assessment

The application seeks approval of the reserved matters relating to Phase 7 (Spillway and Pipe) and Phase 8 (Remaining Areas of Hard and Soft Landscaping) of the Havant Thicket Reservoir development. The principle of development has already been established through the extant planning permission and subsequent Section 73 approval.

The application area lies partly within and adjacent to heritage assets including the Sir George Staunton Conservation Area and the Grade II* Registered Park and Garden. Consideration has therefore been given to the impact of the detailed proposals upon the significance and setting of these designated heritage assets.

The reserved matters submission principally comprises hard and soft landscaping works, habitat creation, stream realignment, access improvements and associated operational infrastructure required for the functioning of the reservoir. Having reviewed the submitted details, the proposals are considered consistent with the approved design principles and landscape framework established through the wider consented scheme.

From a heritage perspective, the proposed works are not considered to result in any additional harm to the significance or setting of nearby designated heritage assets beyond that previously assessed and accepted through the extant permissions. No heritage concerns are identified.

Conclusion

The reserved matters proposals are considered acceptable in heritage terms and are not considered to result in harm to the significance or setting of nearby designated heritage assets.

Having regard to the statutory duties under Sections 66(1) and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, no heritage objection is raised.

NO OBJECTION