

Item 5

APP/20/00990 (East Hampshire District Council Ref 51680/001) - Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Reservoir and Pipe Line, Middle Park Way, Havant

Answers to Questions Submitted by Councillors before 18 May 2021

1. How many other sites were considered by Portsmouth Water Company?

Response – This is considered in detailed in the following paragraphs 7.40 (page 59) to 7.54 (page 61). Para 7.42 is particularly relevant: Seventy two potential sites were assessed across the Portsmouth Water and south Hampshire area in stage one. Sixty seven of the 72 sites were rejected at this stage, primarily because the proposed source of abstraction was protected under an Abstraction Licensing Strategy (2013) under the Water Framework Directive (formerly the Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS)) and/or Habitat Directive which did not allow for additional abstraction beyond that currently undertaken. Only sites that can be supplied by the Havant and Bedhampton Springs were feasible.

2. How many of these sites were given detailed consideration and where were they?

Response: Paragraphs 7.43 (page 59) to 7.54 (page 61). In summary five sites were considered in detail, which had to be within close proximity to the Bedhampton Spring Source. The five sites that were progressed to Stage 2 were:

- *Site 57: Lumley Farm*
- *Site 58: Havant Thicket*
- *Site 59: Southleigh Forest*
- *Site 60: Southleigh Farm*
- *Site 61: Loveders Farm*

3. Will there be any building alongside the reservoir? If so, what will the extent of this building be?

Response: Paragraphs 3.3 (page 12) to 3.9 (page 19) outline what the development comprises of.