

Deputation Submitted by Mr John Davis – Councillor for Warren Park in 2016 to 2021

**REF: Deputation re: Havant Thicket Reservoir Planning Application
APP/20/00990**

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Havant Borough Planning Committee.

I was the Warren Park Ward Councillor and, in that capacity,, I attended the Havant Thicket Reservoir Stakeholder Group meetings. In December I reviewed the application for the reservoir with interest and I was surprised that some of our concerns from the Stakeholder group had been ignored. I would like the members of the planning committee to be aware of my comments made as the ward councillor.

I wish to point out that I am in favour of the Reservoir, but it must be done safely for the residents of Warren Park.

Cllr John Davis response sent 11/12/20

I was surprised that some of our concerns from the Stakeholder group have been ignored.

1. Access roads. The Stakeholder group was concerned the original plans showed only the southern access road from Swanmore road.

They now show two access roads but the Southern road shows a 2 way road but the Northern road shows a Single track road with Passing bays. This is of great concern as it implies the northern route is a minor road, yet we, the Stakeholder group, were told it would take ALL the construction traffic. Clearly the Northern route needs beefing up and the Southern route should be the Single road with Passing bays. Swanmore road is on a built up estate with a primary school of 450 children. To contemplate construction traffic using Swanmore Road is a threat to the safety of the public and our children.

These two roads must have fencing either side to prevent any possibility of cars pulling over to have picnics before reaching the Visitor centre, also to prevent any possibility of Travellers parking their vans/caravans on these roads.

2. Rat Run? These two roads are now shown as a straight through road inviting traffic to and from London and Havant to use it as a quick short cut. A Rat Run. There is no barrier shown or indicated on either road which could be locked off at night. These two roads need to be staggered through the car parks or a similar way of stopping/slowng down any such hope of a quick route through.

Lockable gates at Sunset and Open in the morning would also help reduce the possibility of Vandalism of the site.

3. Visitor Centre. This is quite rightly a centre point of interest to visitors. However, its location must and should be in the North West corner with a frontage onto the Reservoir but not on stilts, intruding into the Wetland area. The Maintenance of the centre will be a lot safer and more efficient on solid ground with the terrace overlooking the Reservoir. The design of the centre should be compatible and blend into the ambiance of the reservoir. Not a glass faced, modern imagination of a crazy architect.

The centre must not intrude into or onto the wetland which must be an area of peace and tranquillity.
4. All dogs must be kept on a lead whenever on the site to stop any harassment of the wildlife.
5. This Reservoir should be a great asset to the Borough but only if it is safe during construction and later in operation..

Thank you.

John Davis