

**Update report APP/20/00990 – Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Reservoir and Pipe Line, Middle Park Way, Havant, and;**  
**Proposal: Hybrid planning application for the construction of a reservoir and associated other infrastructure**

**APP/20/00991 - Pipeline from Proposed Reservoir Site, Middle Park Way to land adjacent to, West Street, Havant**

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## **6 Community Involvement**

Eight further representations, including one petition have been received which raise the following points:

- OFWAT have stated that the reservoir is not needed to supply Portsmouth Water customers but only those of Southern Water.

**Officer comment:** As outlined in the report the application would provide a stable water supply for both customers of both Portsmouth Water and Southern Water. As outlined in both companies Water Resources Management Plans, the reservoir storage capacity will enable Portsmouth Water, as part of the bulk water supply agreement to Southern Water, to hand over the current abstraction from the River Itchen (which is in Southern Waters supply area). The bulk supply transfer from Portsmouth Water to Southern Water will therefore comprises a range of sources, including the stored water from the reservoir, which would consider demand and supply across the distribution network.

- Lack of leisure activities in the proposal and have been misled by Portsmouth Water. **Officer comment:** This matter has been considered in detail in section (iv) Leisure and recreation provision, paragraphs 7.153 (page 79 of report – 7.175 (page 84).
- Loss of Ancient Woodland and wildlife is unacceptable. **Officer comment:** This matter has been considered in detail in section (ii) Impact upon the character and appearance of the landscape including on Ancient Woodland, Conservation Area and Registered Park and Gardens and section, and (iii) Impact of the development on ecology.
- Concerns that the public have been misled regarding the whole project, as Southern Water are currently consulting on alternative uses in its Water for Life documentation, which includes a new pipeline from the Site to WWtW at Otterbourne, and the potential for the reservoir to be filled with 'recycled water' from Budds Farm. **Officer Comment:** The document is currently a consultation being undertaken by Southern Water to explore schemes to address predicated water shortages in its region, this is a consultation document only which does not impact on the current planning applications before the LPA's. In addition, any change in use of the reservoir would require planning permission, which would need to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement, Water Framework Directive, and Habitat Regulation Assessment.

## **7      Planning Considerations**

### **(x) Contribution requirements and legal agreement**

Update to paragraph 7.318, in relation to financial contributions to Hampshire County Council in relation to Public Rights of Ways and improved cycle and pedestrian routes in Staunton Country Park

- £177,702 for upgrade and maintenance of Bridleways 120 and 123, linking the western boundary of the site to Waterloooville, and Bridleway 121 (from Swanmore Road to junction with Bridleway 120) following completion of the Embankment phase of development and prior to the commencement of the Visitor Centre phase of development;
- £212,508 for improved cycle and pedestrian routes in Staunton Country Park connecting to the reservoir site prior to the commencement of the Embankment phase of development (which will incorporate implementation of the diverted bridleway through the site);
- £349,400 for maintenance of the diverted Bridleway 120 through the site upon completion of the diverted bridleway.