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Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my objections to the plans by Southern Water to pump recycled water into the new Havant Thicket reservoir.

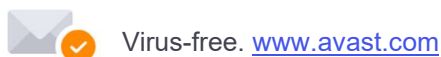
The original planning application that was approved (much to most local people's dismay) led us to believe that this would be fed from the clean chalk springs in Havant and would provide an environmental haven with leisure and community benefits as well as providing for the ever increasing population in the area.

Pumping partially treated effluent into the reservoir is likely to have huge adverse impacts on the environment and probably turn this into "dead water" with nothing but algae growing in it. Southern Water do not have a great track record when it comes to treating and disposing of sewage in a responsible way (how many times have they been fined for pumping raw sewage into our coastal waters but still they continue!) so there is little trust that they will treat the reservoir with any more respect.

I was also alarmed by the proposal that effluent will be pumped from the Southampton area to the Havant Thicket Reservoir. It takes a massive amount of energy to move water such long distances and this will have an even more detrimental effect on the environment. I fail to see why Havant should become a dumping ground for sewage from other areas!

Whilst I understand the need to create improved water supplies, this whole scheme seems ill thought out and I'm sure that more creative and environmentally friendly solutions could be found. It seems as though, having got permission to build the reservoir, the water companies are now trying to sneak changes through and hope that nobody notices!

Kind regards
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