

Havant Thicket Winter Storage Reservoir



5 - Landscape, Conservation and Recreation



Main Elements included in all the Activity Scenarios

Landscape and Wildlife Habitats

All the scenarios incorporate habitats that would enhance the local ecology and wildlife of the area. These include:

- The water resource itself and marginal wetland areas created to support a diverse range of flora and fauna, and particularly aquatic species and birds.
- Opportunities for the development of new wildlife habitat within the existing woodlands around the site.

New planting will also be undertaken to strengthen existing woodland.

Recreation and Education Facilities

There are some basic principles that have been taken into account in all the scenarios:

- Those facilities that could attract visitors from a wider area are located away from nearby residential areas in order to respect the amenity of those areas.
- The main access to the site and main car parking are located to the north away from the surrounding residential areas.

Renewable Energy

Renewable energy could be used to provide some or potentially all of the power needed for the operation of the reservoir and for the recreational facilities within the site. Renewable energy can be provided in a number of ways, such as through wind turbines, or through the provision of boilers that use biomass fuels.

The aim is to minimise the carbon footprint of the development and activities around the site and include eco-friendly buildings where appropriate.

