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The pressure of 150 million tons of water would turn a small wall breach into a crack and a collapse. That is called CATASTROPHIC INUNDATION, a major terrorist risk. 150 million tons of water might come pouring towards your house. There is no way to empty the reservoir quickly once there is a breach. 'Emergency drain' takes about 20 days.

Much FLOOD PLAIN vanishes if the reservoir is built. There is a large area of Flood Zone 3b on the site, This is the functional flood plain for the area and we need it.

Currently there is an area of 'dark night' at the centre of the site, very important for wildlife. The established biodiversity of this wetland region will be destroyed. Waterfowl will not want to colonise the water as deep

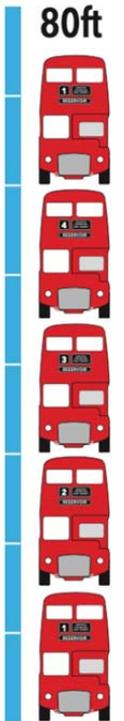
Currently there are waterways, paths and bridleways. Any provision of these after construction will be less than there is

Houses in both Steventon and East Hanney are now built even closer to the planned reservoir than on this plan. There will not be room for all the so-called 'landscaping'. The bunds (banked walls) cannot have trees because the roots might damage the structure.



Population increase data has shifted downwards but Thames Water still use inflated figures to suggest greater need than reality.

The reservoir would be a storage tank for water from the Thames, capturing a tiny part of the storm water in winter in a pipe where it has to be pumped uphill to the tank. Water transfer from the Severn or Wales, re-use of water in the system, desalination – all these are cheaper, quicker, better and bring NEW water into the region.



Beware poisonous algae. Queen Elizabeth 2 reservoir

5 million tonnes of rubble are required. How many trains per hour will be bringing this to the site? How will trains unload their waggons?

The new Hanney Road is between the railway and the site – will there be traffic lights, or will the new road not be built until after the reservoir is finished?

What route will lorries carrying materials take through the villages? Through the Hanneys? Over the bridge in Steventon? Round the tight bend in Marcham?