Hampshire Council

11th February 2026

HWMP Partial Update – Reg. 24 Proposed Modifications Consultation

Dear Sirs,

The Erica Trust has made representations about the above Plan at the various consultation stages. We are aware that many modifications have been made as a result of the consultations and the Examination in Public (to which EDEP so helpfully contributed) and we are supportive of these. However concerns remain. Therefore we wish to support the further comments and proposed modifications as submitted to you now by EDEP, RSPB and ARC.

In particular we object to policies MM23 and MM43 in respect of the Purple Haze site. We note the positive recognition in MM23 para. 6.78 that 'extraction may need to be limited or possibly excluded in some areas." EDEP have pointed out that this caveat regarding pre-determination of results of further investigation at Purple Haze should be the same in MM43.

However we must make it clear that, with studies and protection policies correctly applied, we believe that ALL areas of Purple Haze would need to be excluded i.e. the use of Purple Haze per se is not acceptable. The assumption cannot and must not be made that just excluding some part of the site will make it acceptable in terms of hydrological and biodiversity impact. We therefore argue that in fact inclusion of Purple Haze as a site is **not legal** and is **unsound** (for the reasons identified by EDEP, RSPB and ARC) and that it should be deleted in its entirety from the Plan (as per RSPB submission and EDEP submission page 6 – suggested change " Remove MM23 allocation from the Plan". It therefore follows that all subsequent references to Purple Haze in MM43 should also be deleted from the Plan.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

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Trustee of The Erica Trust.
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