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Comment type: You support the planning application

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Comment: A second reservoir is much needed at Burhill to prevent future course burn out in the Spring/Summer drought months which in turn will allow for a positive environmental impact with reduced chemical usage and intensive greenkeeping methods required to remedy the resulting yearly course damages.

The proposal will utilise winter flood waters with minimal impact on current river levels, again an ecological win, especially when considered against some surrounding landowners who are clearly pumping the river to irrigate their land.

The proposal, if allowed and implemented quickly, would allow for vastly improved course playability for most of the year. This would at least part compensate Burhill club members, many of whom are Elmbridge residents, for winter course closures. These have been increasingly frequent in recent years as a consequence of the important role Burhill plays in flood water management along the River Mole and Thames distributaries. This role should not be overlooked as it prevents flooding to many homes and businesses within Elmbridge itself and further downstream.

Meanwhile, Burhill club receives no recompense for the significant financial harm these frequent course closures convey on the club and consequently its members.

In conclusion, the proposal is a win for the environment, Burhill Club and its members, and the local community and I urge the planning committee to approve the scheme without delay.