

The Millbrook Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order

Accompanied Site Inspection Itinerary and Proposed Viewpoints - Submitted at Deadline 1

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1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 As part of the Examination of the DCO Application for the Millbrook Power Project, an accompanied site inspection (ASI) will be undertaken by the Examiner, the Applicant and other interested parties. The ASI is scheduled for the 2nd May 2018.
- 1.1.2 The aim of the ASI is for the Examiner and other interested parties to appreciate the setting and surrounding landscape of the Project Site and explore how the Project would be seen from key viewpoints.
- 1.1.3 In consultation with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), the Applicant has selected 10 potential separate viewpoints for the ASI. The viewpoints selected will provide a comprehensive understanding of the Project in the context of the surrounding area, and consider a range of receptors including residential areas, community facilities, heritage assets and public rights of way.
- 1.1.4 The Applicant and CBC have selected locations for the visit that correspond closely with the viewpoint locations selected for the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) of the ES (Chapter 11, Examination Library Reference APP-033). The benefit of such an approach is that existing photomontage material may be utilised as visual aids.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant will be undertaking a preliminary site visit on 4th April 2018 to run through the itinerary and will inform PINS as soon as possible if there are any potential issues.

1.2 Itinerary and viewpoints

- 1.2.1 Table 1 below sets out the proposed itinerary for the ASI and viewpoints which will be visited.
- 1.2.2 Plan showing the proposed viewpoint locations is provided at Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Itinerary and viewpoints

Location (in suggested order)	Description	Comments	Corresponding Photomontage viewpoint
A	The Forest Centre, Marston Vale Millennium Country Park	Meet in Forest Centre carpark. View from the park to the east towards Rookery South Pit, although little of the Project visible from here. Marston Vale Millennium Country Park is an important recreational centre for the Marston Vale.	VP 6b
В	A short walk to the eastern side of the Marston Vale Millennium Country Park	Close-up view over the Marston Vale Branch Line into Rookery South Pit. Power Generation Plant visible from here.	VP 15
С	Picnic area on the Greensand Ridge above Lidlington	View looking north-east across the Marston Vale gives appreciation of the wider setting. Long distance view beyond the Millbrook Proving Ground to Rookery South Pit and the Project Site.	VP 11
D	Footpath 7 crossing agricultural ground to	Close-up view directly into the Power Generation Plant Site within	VP 14

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	the south of Rookery South Pit	Rookery South Pit. Viewpoint is adjacent to the existing overhead electricity line and the location for the Sealing End Compounds and Substation. Can also look at the LLRS secondary access point with Station Lane.	
E	Footpath 14 / footpath 65	View into Rookery South Pit from the top of its southern embankment. Completed LLRS works and Covanta platform can be seen.	VP14
F	Sandhill Close, Millbrook	Views north across the Marston Vale towards the Project Site from the edge of the hamlet of Millbrook.	None
G	Agricultural track opposite Lower Farm	Inspection of AGI Site and access point from Houghton Lane	None
Н	Point at which the Greensand Way crosses the B530 on the Greensand Ridge	View looking north-west across the Marston Vale, directly above Ampthill Park House. Distant view of Rookery South Pit and the Project Site	VP 6
1	Houghton House (ruined historic mansion)	View looking north-west across the Marston Vale from this publicly accessible grade 1 listed building. Distant view of Rookery South Pit and the Project Site	VP 4
J	Chequers Pub Carpark	Very limited views of the Project Site from the east on the B530	VP2
К	Green Lane, Stewartby, near to level crossing with Marston Vale Branch Line	Limited view of the Power Generation Plant Site, Gas Connection Site or Electrical Connection Site, but gives a good appreciation of the main access point into Rookery North and South Pits. Can inspect the work that has now started under the Rookery South (RRF) Order.	VP 12
L	Return to The Forest Centre		



Appendix A Plan showing viewpoint locations

