

Ref: EN010081

Application for Development Consent for the Eggborough Combined Cycle Gas Turbine at Eggborough Power Station

The Examining Authority's note of its Unaccompanied Site Inspection on Tuesday 26 September 2017

Background

I undertook an unaccompanied site inspection to support my examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Combined Cycle Gas Turbine at Eggborough Power Station on Tuesday 26 September 2017. The site inspection was undertaken by car and on foot. As no inspections were undertaken on private land and advance permission to enter land was not required, the inspection could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

I undertook the inspection alone. I did not encounter any interested parties or other persons during my inspection. Weather conditions were cloudy at first, but became sunny towards later in the day, the temperature was mild. Visibility was good at all times.

Particulars of the Site Inspection

The inspection commenced at approximately 1340 and finished at approximately 1725 with no breaks.

I began my Inspection at Wand Lane and proceeded to the settlement of Hensall, before heading along Station Road, Weeland Road and Hazel Old Lane, observing Viewpoints 5, 15 and 3 as identified by the Applicant in Figure 16.7 of the ES [APP-091] (all further identified Viewpoints referenced below are from Figure 16.7 of the ES). I then walked along the Ings Lane Public Right of Way (identified as 35.27/2/1 on Figure 16.3 of the ES [APP-087]) as far as the Ings and Tetherings Drain.

I then inspected the view from a road also known as Ings Lane and the Applicant's Viewpoint 6, before heading to Chapel Haddlesey and Viewpoint 7, and observing the River Aire from the A19 crossing and in particular the water abstraction point which is identified on numerous Figures in the ES. I then proceeded to the locations of Viewpoints 8 and 9. I familiarised myself with the locations of the Thorpe Hall moated monastic grange and the World War II bombing decoy, identified by the Applicant as scheduled monuments in paragraph 13.4.2 of the ES [APP-051].

I then proceeded through the settlement of Gateforth and towards West Haddlesey to observe the site as Viewpoint 11, before making a detailed inspection of the site from the proposed Above-Ground Installation and Viewpoint 10.

I then proceeded southwards along the A19 and observed the application site from various points along this road; from the A19 junction with Weeland Road; and from High Eggborough Lane. I then proceeded to Whitley Thorpe and Viewpoint 4, familiarising myself with the location of the Whitley Thorpe moated Templar Grange site which is identified by the applicant as a scheduled monument.

Finally, I proceeded northwards and along Selby Road to observe the site from Viewpoints 1 and 2, and then along Roall Lane towards Kellington and Viewpoints 12, 13 and 14, and where I also familiarised myself with the location of the Roman fort identified by the applicant as a scheduled monument.

Summary

I viewed the application site from a number of public vantage points from all directions. I am familiar with the site and surroundings from public land both short and longer range distances. Unless specifically requested to do so, and then only to view specific physical features and alike, it will not be necessary for me to visit these sites again.

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Examining Authority