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Our ref: LT/2019/124818/01-L02
Your ref: EN010088
Date: 02 December 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**WEST BURTON C (GAS FIRED GENERATING STATION)
WEST BURTON POWER STATION SITE
WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS**

Please find below our written representation for the West Burton C (Gas Fired Generating Station).

The Role of the Environment Agency

The Environment Agency has a responsibility for protecting and improving the environment, as well as contributing to sustainable development.

We have three main roles:

We are an **environmental regulator** – we take a risk-based approach and target our effort to maintain and improve environmental standards and to minimise unnecessary burdens on business. We issue a range of permits and consents.

We are an **environmental operator** – we are a national organisation that operates locally. We work with people and communities across England to protect and improve the environment in an integrated way. We provide a vital incident response capability.

We are an **environmental advisor** – we compile and assess the best available evidence and use this to report on the state of the environment. We use our own monitoring information and that of others to inform this activity. We provide technical information and advice to national and local governments to support their roles in policy and decision-making.

One of our specific functions is as a Flood Risk Management Authority. We have a general supervisory duty relating to specific flood risk management matters in respect of flood risk arising from Main Rivers or the sea.

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Yours faithfully

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**Written Representations
On behalf of the Environment Agency**

Since issuing our Relevant Representations (dated 18 September 2019, reference LT/2019/124504/01-L02) we have been working with the Applicant on our Statement of Common Ground. This has resulted in a number of the issues raised in our Relevant Representations being resolved. We have also provided our responses to the Written Questions asked by the Inspector. Our Written Representation provides an update for the Inspector following the above actions.

Flood risk

Our comments remain the same as those provided in our Relevant Representations. Our comments regarding the surface water drainage scheme remain in place at this time for the reason that the final drainage scheme has yet to be agreed. We accept, however, that the likelihood is that the northern and southern outfall corridors will not be required as part of the surface water drainage scheme.

Foul drainage

We have worked with the Applicant regarding the concerns we raised on the initial proposal for a non-mains foul drainage scheme. We are now satisfied that new Requirement 9A of the Development Consent Order (as provided in the agreed Statement of Common Ground) will ensure a foul drainage scheme which is NPPF compliant.

Protection of controlled waters

The requests for information made in our Relevant Representations have now been received (Appendix C Appendix 2.3 of the agreed Statement of Common Ground). The information submitted satisfactorily addresses the points we raised in our Relevant Representations.

Biodiversity

Our comments remain the same as those provided in our Relevant Representations.

Informative – Potential Abstraction Licence

Our comments remain the same as those provided in our Relevant Representations.

EPR/CP3035MK West Burton C Permit variation Application – December 2019

We wish to provide the following updates regarding the status of the substantial variation Permit application submission. The update details the stages which have been reached in the Permitting process. All the points made in our Relevant Representations regarding what the Permit will cover remain valid and relevant.

.The substantial variation Permit application was duly made in early October 2019.

.The application has been externally publicised.

. We have consulted with external stakeholders, e.g. the Local Planning Authority, Local Authority Environmental Health, Health and Safety Executive.

. We have consulted with internal colleagues.

. We currently expect the determination of the substantial variation to take until at least late spring/summer 2020.