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**Date:** 2 March 2021

Dear Ms Williams,

## **Planning Act 2008**

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**Proposal:** Flexible Generation Plant comprising gas reciprocating engines with electrical output totalling 600 MW; batteries with electrical output of 150 MW; gas and electricity connections; the creation of access roads and a causeway; and creation of habitat and exchange Common Land

**Location:** Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Fort Road Tilbury

### **Deadline 1**

Further to the above I write to you to provide a response to the points raised as requirements of Deadline 1, as set out in the final examination timetable attached as Annex A from the Inspector's letter dated 16 February 2021.

- *Notification of wish to speak at any Issue Specific Hearing(s);*
- *Notification of wish to speak at any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s);*
- *Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing;*

In response to the three points stated above, at present I am not clear on subject matters for discussion at any Open Floor Hearing, Issue Specific Hearing or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing but note from the examination timetable that there are a number of different weeks reserved for these sessions. The Council therefore notifies you of the intention to attend and if necessary speak at these hearings in the future. As case officer I shall be co-ordinating this and attending when necessary along with any relevant officers/advisors to Thurrock Council who will require input into these hearing sessions.

- *Submission by the Applicant, Interested Parties (IPs) and Affected Persons (APs) of suggested locations for the ExA to include in any Unaccompanied Site Inspections*

*(USIs) or Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs), including the reason for nomination and issues to be observed, information about whether the location can be accessed using public rights of way or what access arrangements (if any) would need to be made, and the likely time requirement for the visit to that location;*

Thurrock Council requests that the Inspector visits all the Development Zones but this will require access to private land so the applicant will need to assist with this.

It is requested that the locations identified in ES Chapter 6 Landscape and Visual Resources, specifically those listed in the table below. The viewpoints, where numbered in the table below, are those taken from Figure 2.3 of ES Chapter 6 (page 26). For all locations the stacks will be the most prominent features of the proposed development and these will be viewed in combination with existing pylons and electricity infrastructure at various locations so it is important to understand the landscape and visual impacts of the proposed development upon receptors. From all locations a different angle of viewing the proposal can be seen.

VP	Location	Reason for Nomination, Issues to be observed and whether the location can be accessed
3	View south east from public open space to the south of Chadwell St Mary	People using the Public Open Space and residents of Thames View are considered to have a high sensitivity, to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant.  Location access from public open space.
6	View south from the junction of Gun Hill lane, Cooper Shaw Road and Fort Road	Road users will have a low sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant facility but people using the small strips of Access Land on either side of the roads will have a high sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant.  Location accessed from the public highway.
7	View south from the graveyard of St James' Church West Tilbury	People visiting the graveyard at St. James' Church will have a high sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant.  Location requires access from the churchyard.
8	View south west from junction of Station Road and farm track to the south of the railway line	This is primarily a view experienced by road users.  The proposed Lower Thames Crossing would cross the railway (behind the location of the photograph) on a viaduct at this point.  Location can be viewed from public highway land directly to the south of the railway level crossing.
9	View east to south east from Fort Road to east of Tilbury	Road users will have a low sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant but pedestrian receptors using the bridge will have a high sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant.

		Location can be viewed from public highway land.
11	View east from Fort Road bridge over railway	Road users will have a low sensitivity to the proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant. At present there is limited pedestrian traffic using this route but walkers in this location will see the proposal at this location. The location also shows the new Tilbury 2 development in the context of this location.  Location can be viewed from public highway land and footway.
14	View north east from Byway 98 to south of Tilbury Fort	People using this PRoW byway will see proposed Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant so an impact upon pedestrian receptors. However, this location is more distant. The site is approximately 1.5km away and would be viewed across the Tilbury 2 development.  Location can be viewed from public footpath.
15	View north, north west from the Thames Estuary Path/Two Forts Way	This view is representative of a short section of the public footpath (FP 146 on OS maps) for pedestrian receptors.

In addition to the above locations the following locations should be observed:

Location	Reason for Nomination, Issues to be observed and how the location can be accessed
From the seaward side of the seawall adjacent to FP 146 and VP 15, east of the former Tilbury Power Station	To view the location of the Causeway and to understand its impact in this location.  Location can be reached via public footpath (FP 146 on OS maps)
Junction of Brennan Road and Fort Road	To look east at the location of the proposed footbridge and link to the exchanged Common Land to help understand the future pedestrian access to this location.  Location can be viewed from the public highway

- *Notification by Statutory Parties and certain Local Authorities who wish to be considered as an IP;*

As host authority Thurrock Council are an Interested Party to this process.

- *Notification of wish to have future correspondence electronically;*

Thurrock Council wish to receive all correspondence electronically via the two following email addresses:

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[cpurvis@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:cpurvis@thurrock.gov.uk)

- *Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 1.*

No information other than stated above.

I trust that this information is of assistance and should wish to contact me regarding the content of this letter then please use the email address provided.

**Yours sincerely**



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