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Dear Inspector,

NSIP Reference Name / Code: The Immingham Open Cycle Gas Turbine Order 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 847) – Application for a Non-Material Change Order.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 12 October 2022.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the information submitted as part of the Non-Material Change Order, Natural England considers that the proposed changes will not have significant adverse impacts on designated sites and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

European sites – Humber Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar

Based on the information submitted, Natural England considers that the Non-Material Change Order will not have likely significant effects on the Humber Estuary SAC / SPA / Ramsar and has no objection to the proposed changes.

To meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, we advise you to record your decision that a likely significant effect can be ruled out. The following may provide a suitable justification for that decision:

- As the proposed Synchronous Condenser will be located inside the gas turbine housing, there are unlikely to be any additional impacts on the above Humber Estuary protected sites or the need for a new protected species licence. Natural England therefore concur with the conclusions of the Reg 7(3) Letter (dated 16 August 2022) and the Cover Letter (dated 12 October 2022) that the non-material changes will not have implications for the conclusions of the existing Habitats Regulations Assessment that has been carried out for the Development Consent Order application.

Humber Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and North Killingholme Haven Pits SSSI

Based on the information submitted, Natural England considers that the Non-Material Change Order will not damage or destroy the interest features for which these sites have been notified and has no objection.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on ██████████@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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