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Dear Sir

Application by EP Waste Management Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the South Humber Bank Energy Centre (SHBEC) – request for Written Representations
South Humber Bank Power Station, South Marsh Road, Stallingborough, Grimsby, DN41 8BZ

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2020 inviting the submission of Written Representations in respect of the above project.

The following comments are provided as an update to the Relevant Representations made by the Environment Agency on 15 July 2020. Our Written Representations should be read alongside the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) agreed between the Environment Agency and the Applicant on 21 October 2020; we understand the Applicant will submit the SoCG to you for Deadline 1.

Environmental Permit

We commented in paragraph 3.2 of our Relevant Representations that the existing power station and the Consented Development has the benefit of a joint operating permit and that this would need to be varied to accommodate the Proposed Development. An approach to varying that permit to increase the electrical output and transfer the Proposed Development into a separate permit has now been agreed. Section 4.1 of the SoCG notes agreements made between the Applicant and the Environment Agency on this topic.

Flood risk

All issues in respect of the required flood risk mitigation are agreed between the Applicant and the Environment Agency. We can confirm that we have not yet finalised or issued any new baseline data in respect of water levels for the Humber Estuary. Accordingly, we confirm that the flood risk assessment contains the most up to date information available on flood risk to the site. Please see section 4.2 of the SoCG in respect of all agreements made on flood risk.

Protection of groundwater and land contamination

All matters in respect of groundwater protection and land contamination are agreed between the Environment Agency and the Application, as per section 4.3 of the SoCG. As confirmed in paragraph 4.3.4 of the SoCG the Environment Agency will now be included as a named consultee in Requirements 17 and 19-21 of the DCO. Accordingly, we have no further comments to make on this issue.

Water quality

We have no further comments to make on this issue.

Foul water drainage

Paragraph 4.3.4 of the SoCG confirms that the Environment Agency will be included as a named consultee for the discharge of Requirement 14 in the DCO and, accordingly, we have no further comments to make on this issue.

Waste management & pollution prevention

We have no further comments to make on this issue.

In summary, we can confirm that we have no objection to the proposed development, as submitted. The submitted SoCG contains details of all agreements made to date with the Applicant. However, we reserve the right to add to or amend these representations, including requests for DCO Requirements and protective provisions should further information be forthcoming during the course of the examination on issues within our remit.

If you have any questions regarding these representations, please contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully

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