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Subject: Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park
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Dear Sir/Madam

Attached is a submission from me, as Vice Chairman of the Faversham & Oare Heritage Harbour Group, following my earlier submission, on 30 January 2019, as an individual respondee.

Please would you advise whether or not there will be any facilities for slide projection at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 on 23 July, at which I have applied to speak?

I look forward to your response in due course.

Regards

David Pollock

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26 June 2019

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Dear Sir or Madam

Application by Cleve Hill Solar Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cleve Hill Solar Park Project

My original objection to the Cleve Hill Solar Park proposal, as below, was made on an individual basis. As acknowledged by you on 13 June, in response to advice to you by Sue Akhurst on 12 June, I am writing now as Vice Chairman of the Faversham and Oare Heritage Harbour Group.

I confirm that I wish to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 on Landscape and Visual Amenity Matters, with particular area of emphasis on the visual impact from the sea and the Swale Estuary.

I wish to illustrate the sort of impact that the proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park will have on the land and seascape, with consequent cultural and economic (touristic) effects. Please would you let me know whether or not there will be any facilities for slide projection at the hearing?

Slides

Sample Illustrations of the existing land and seascapes (photo panoramas)

Preliminary Overlays of the impact of the proposed development

Faversham and Oare Creeks have been nominated as one of the first two Heritage Harbours in the UK, to be designated by National Historic Ships and the Maritime Heritage Fund, as part of a national network of such maritime centres. As part of this process, the Group is already starting to work with other organisations in the vicinity along the North Kent coast.

One of the principal features of the Heritage Harbour concept will include – indeed already does include – the cultural and visual attractiveness of Faversham and of its environs and surrounding villages, for visiting vessels to the Heritage Harbour havens, as well as for tourism generally – one can envisage very few if any such visitors wishing to view an industrialised landscape which the proposed development would present.

These land and seascapes, of the mainland and of the Isle of Sheppey, have remained largely unchanged for centuries. Visitors by sea hundreds of years ago would recognise most of the landscape features they would see today. These are of essentially rural and agricultural nature and semi-wild marshland. Of course there have been some visual changes, principal amongst which are the unsightly, albeit utilitarian, electricity pylons which traverse the panoramas and the Cleve Hill substation. But it is not at all like the lower Medway and parts of the West Swale, nearby, which present a largely industrialised and unattractive aspect from the water, as well as from the land.

The impact of the proposed solar park would be to industrialise a major area of what is at present unspoilt land, already well-used by wildlife and its observers. This would be not just a visual impact but a functional one too, with significant effects on a much wider area than its footprint alone.

Adoption of solar power is an entirely worthy cause, although its advantages compared with other alternatives, such as wind and tide generated power remain to be proven, particularly when taking into account the embedded energy costs of manufacture and installation. But this proposed development is the wrong solution in the wrong place and should not proceed.

Regards

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30 January 2019

I wish to object to the proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park:

1. This sort of development should be located on redundant or derelict industrial or semi-industrial (brownfield) land, not on precious semi-wild marshland and wildlife habitats.
2. Proposed economic benefits and environmental impacts analyses do not compare similar development on brownfield land.
3. Proposed mitigation of impacts does not address the basic premise that it is in the wrong location.
4. The scope of the development may have been somewhat reduced from its original size, but it is still huge in scale and would blight, dominate and overpower the landscape and local development.
5. The development would have a serious negative impact on the local fauna and flora, particularly on birdlife, especially migrating species.

Please reject the Solar Park proposal completely.

Please would you acknowledge this objection; I am willing for it to be publicly displayed.

Regards

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East to West panoramic zoom sequence from Cleve Hill Substation to Nagden Marshes from Wreck Buoy Anchorage on 06/06/19



IMG 3222_(zoom) Cleve Sub-station, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3223_(zoom) Cleve Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3224_(zoom) Nagden Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3225_(zoom) Nagden & Graveney Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3226_(zoom) Blean Hill & Nagden Marshes (E), from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3227_(zoom) Blean Hill & Nagden Marshes (W), from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19

East to West panoramic sequence (7) from Cleve Hill to Shell Ness, from Sand End Buoy on 21/06/19



IMG 3255_Cleve Hill Substation & Blean Hill, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



IMG 3256_Harty Ferry & Harty, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



IMG 3257_Harty & Isle of Harty, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



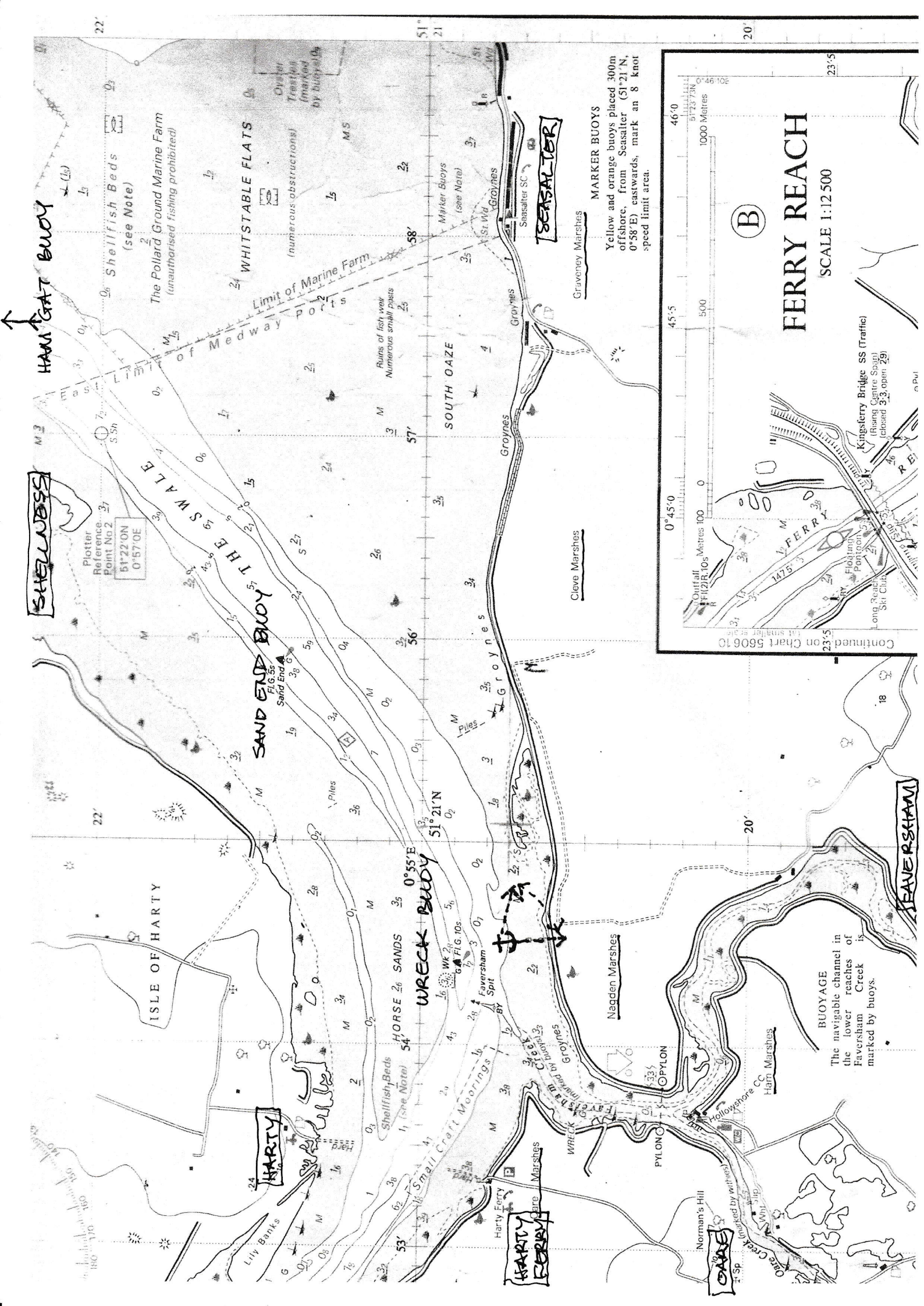
IMG 3258_Isle of Harty, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



IMG 3259_Isle of Harty to Shell Ness, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19

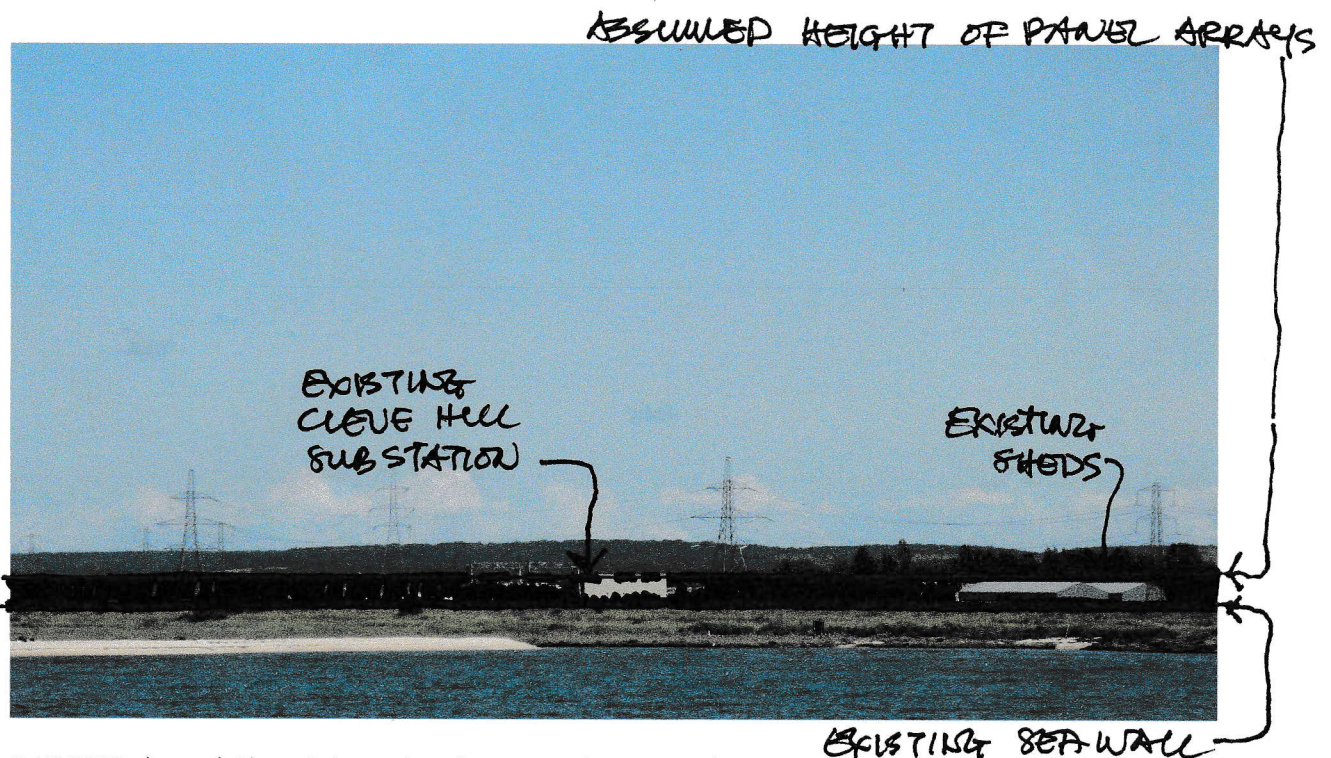


IMG 3261_Shell Ness, from Sand End Buoy_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19

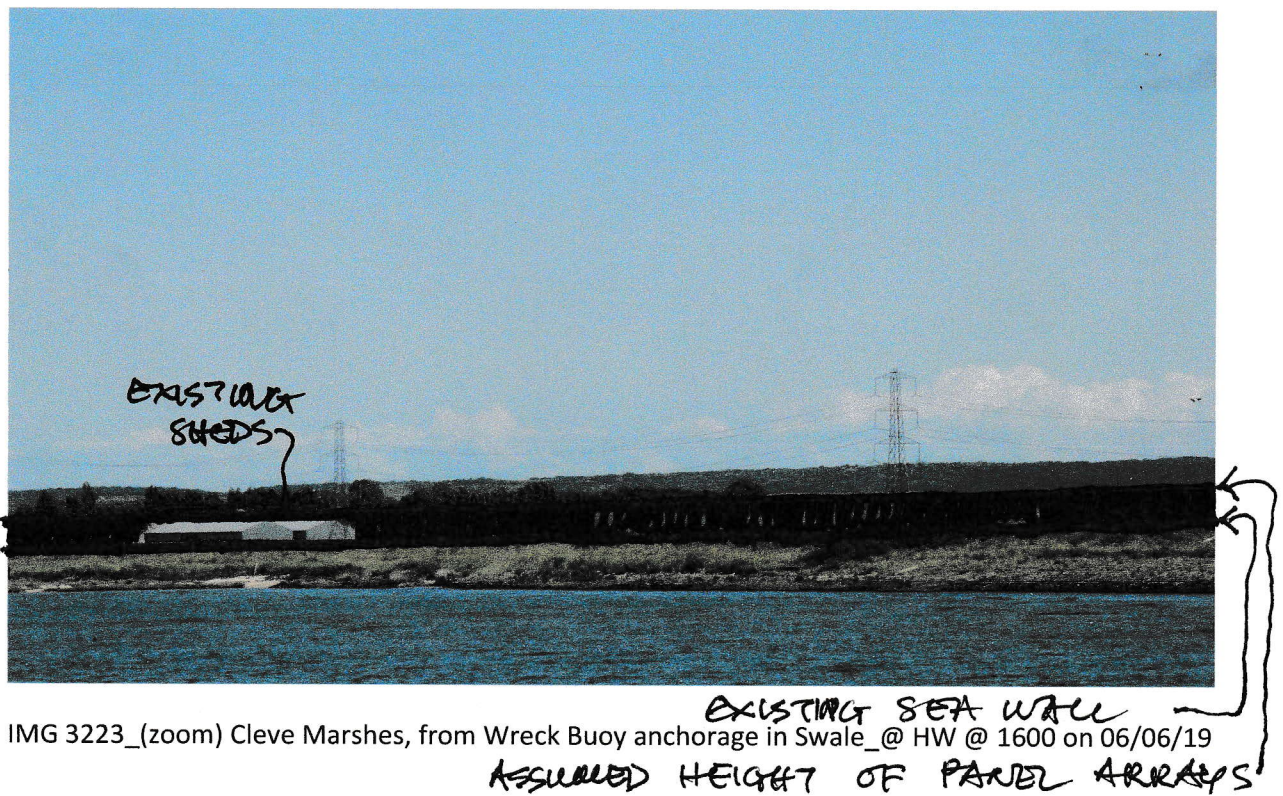


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EXISTING SEA WALL

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IMG 3225_(zoom) Nagden & Graveney Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19

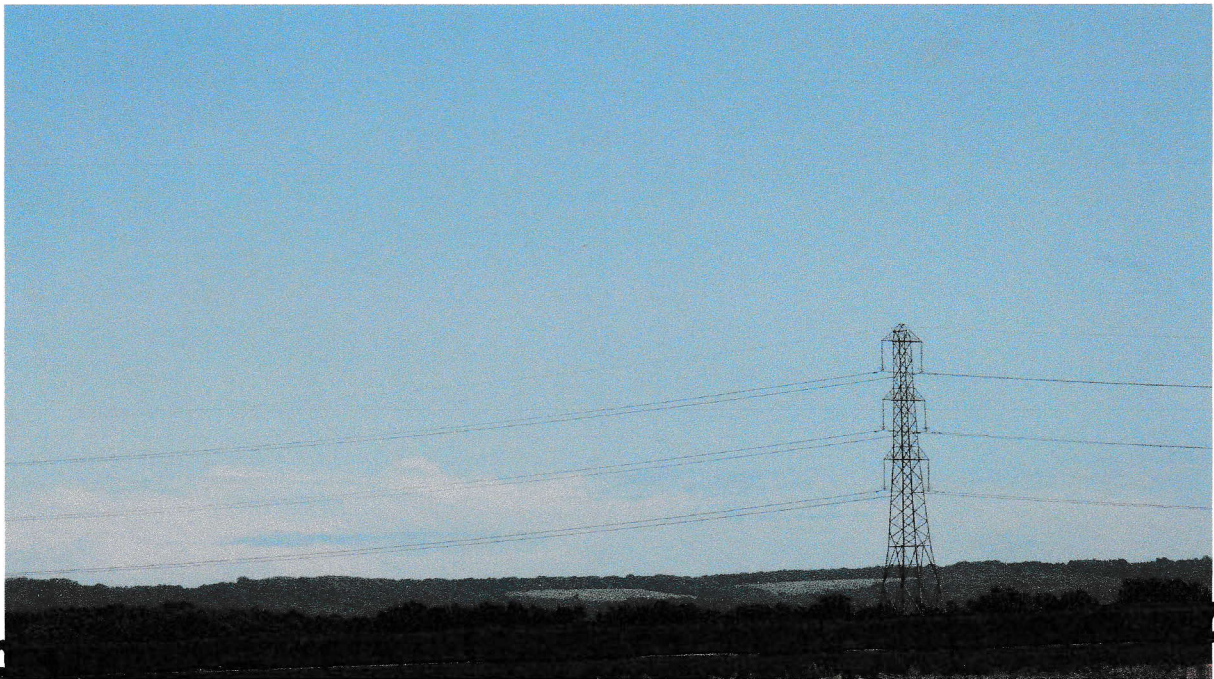
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