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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park  
**Date:** 31 July 2019 17:50:55  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Paige Hall

Unfortunately, I cannot wait any longer for the full transcript, so I have had to complete my summary E & OE the transcript subsequently being made available.

My written summary and 10 illustrations are now attached as requested.

Regards

*David Pollock*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [Cleve Hill Solar Park](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park

Dear David,

Thank you for bringin this to our attention, we are aware of this issue and are currently in the process of amending this.

We are due to receive the full version tomorrow and this will be published in full as soon as practicable.

I hope this has been some assistance to you.

Kind Regards,

Paige

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**From:** Pollock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 July 2019 15:53  
**To:** Cleve Hill Solar Park <CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park  
**Importance:** High

Dear Paige Hall

I attended and spoke at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 on 23 July 2019.

I have just listened to the entire transcript of the hearing as posted by the Inspectorate yesterday 29 July. The transcript is described as being of 2 hours and 49 seconds in length.

However a significant section of the later stages of the hearing has not been included, with a speaker from the Applicant actually being cut off in mid response and with my contribution and others being excluded entirely.

Please would you let me know when the full transcript will be made available, so that I can ensure that my summary script, which is due to be submitted on Thursday 1 August, is complete and accurate.

Regards

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**From:** [Cleve Hill Solar Park](#)  
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**To:** [REDACTED]; [Cleve Hill Solar Park](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park

Dear David,

Thank you for providing this information to the Planning Inspectorate.

I can confirm safe receipt of your submission.

Unfortunately we are unable to facilitate a presentation at the upcoming hearings. I would advise submitting all the information you wish to present to the Examining Authority in todays deadline, closing at **midnight 26 June 2019**.

This will enable the Examining Authority to have access to anything you are unable to present.

I hope this has been some assistance, please do not hesitate to get back in touch if you have any more queries.

Kind Regards,

Paige Hall

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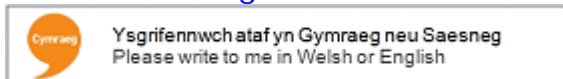
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**From:** Pollock <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:10

**To:** Cleve Hill Solar Park <[CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Proposed Cleve Hill Solar Park

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 resondee.

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

# Faversham & Oare Heritage Harbour Group

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31 July 2019

SENT BY EMAIL TO: [CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Dear Sir or Madam

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

### **Summary of Oral Submission made by David Pollock at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 on 23 July 2019 on Landscape and Visual Amenity Matters, with particular area of emphasis on the visual impact from the sea and the Swale Estuary [E & OE – subject to full transcript of Hearing being made available]**

My name is David Pollock. I am the owner and operator of the traditional Thames Sailing Barge 'REPERTOR', which operates as a charter business based in Faversham Creek and operating all around the North Kent coast and Thames Estuary generally.

I am a Committee member of the Association of Bargemen; also a Committee member of the Kentish Sail Association which organises the annual Swale Match (race).

I am the Vice Chairman of the Faversham & Oare Heritage Harbour Group (FOHHG).

FOHHG is a comparatively new organisation, which has 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 heritage centres. As part of this process, FOHHG is already starting to work with other organisations in the vicinity along the North Kent coast, also aiming to benefit from the next tranche of Coastal Communities funding.

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 – effectively a solid structure 4m high, just behind the existing seawall, from Seasalter westwards along the Swale to the mouth of Faversham Creek and southeast along Faversham Creek to Nagden.

These land and seascapes, of the Creek, of the Swale, of the mainland, of the Isle of Sheppey and of the one from the other, have remained largely unchanged for centuries. Visitors today are attracted by the same essentially open landscapes, of rural and agricultural nature and semi-wild marshland, as they would have seen hundreds of years ago. Of course there have been some visual changes, over the years, particularly the electricity pylons which traverse the landscapes and the existing 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 applicants do not seem to have made any convincing assessment of the visual impact from the Swale, from Faversham Creek, or from Sheppey across the Swale. The applicants have stated, today (23 July), that the array of solar panels would result in only 'a thin sliver' of structure appearing above the seawall.

My assessment is that 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.

The illustrations attached to my earlier submission represent very much a first attempt, with limited resources and references, to make such an assessment, which should properly have been made by the applicants. Following on from this, there should be assessment, by the applicants, of the consequential impacts on cultural and economic (mainly touristic) effects.

The starting point for my assessment has been panoramic photographic views of the coastline, from Whitstable, on the mainland, to Shell Ness on Sheppey, taken from my sailing barge, 'Repertor', on several days and from different locations in the Swale and at various times of tide, ie at varying heights above tidal datum at Newlyn. **[All of these panoramas and a viewpoints location chart are now attached].**

Onto just one of these panoramas, so far, **[and as also attached]** I have projected the assumed height of the solar panel array, taking for comparison the visible height of the existing Cleve Hill substation and existing agricultural buildings. Assuming these to be in the order of 4 to 5m in height, the projection shows that there would be a solid wall of solar panels standing well above the seawall. This takes no account of any other components of the development, which may be higher.

Far from being 'a thin sliver', this would effectively remove a major part of the current open views across the site from the North East, the North, the North West and the West, including of Graveney Church and other significant landmarks.

Admittedly, this methodology may appear somewhat crude, which is why I welcome the applicants' statement, today (23 July), that they will make available scaled cross sections of the site and the proposed development, which should include levels above Ordnance Datum. With this data available, it will then be possible to determine the accuracy of my assessment. In our view, properly the applicants should carry out and submit this exercise.

In the wider context, the FOHHG supports submissions made, amongst others, by Swale BC, Faversham TC, The Faversham Society, The Faversham Creek Trust and Mr Chris Lowe.

Regards

*David Pollock*

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**East to West panoramic sequence (1) from Whitstable to Nagden Marshes  
from Wreck Buoy Anchorage on 06/06/19**



IMG 3217\_Whitstable to Cleve Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale\_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3218\_Cleve Marshes to Blean Hill, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale\_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3219\_ Blean Hill & Nagden Marshes, from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale\_@ HW on @ 1600  
06/06/19



IMG 3220\_ Nagden Marshes (E), from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale\_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



IMG 3221\_ Nagden Marshes (W), from Wreck Buoy anchorage in Swale\_@ HW @ 1600 on 06/06/19



**East to West panoramic zoom sequence (2) 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

### **Panoramic views (3) from Ham Gat Buoy on 09/06/19**



IMG 3234\_Graveney to Faversham, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3241\_Seasalter to Blean Hill, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3242\_Cleve Hill Substation to Nagden Marshes, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3243\_Nagden Marshes, Faversham & Hollowshore, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19

## **East to West Panoramic zoom views (4) from Ham Gat Buoy on 09/06/19**

IMG 3235\_(zoom) Cleve Substation (E), from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3236\_(zoom) Cleve Substation (W), from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3237\_(zoom) Cleve Marshes & Graveney Marshes, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3238\_(zoom) Faversham, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3239\_(zoom) Nagden Marshes, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19

**East to West Panoramic zoom views (5) from Sand End Buoy on 09/06/19**



IMG 3244\_(zoom) Cleve Hill Substation, from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3245\_(zoom) Cleve Marshes (E), from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19





IMG 3246\_(zoom) Cleve Marshes, from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3247\_(zoom) Cleve Marshes (W), from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3248\_(zoom) Nagden Marshes (E), from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3249\_(zoom) Nagden Marshes (W), from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3250\_(zoom) Faversham, from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3251\_(zoom) Nagden Marshes & Oare, from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3252\_(zoom) Oare & Nagden Marshes, from Sand End Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19



IMG 3240\_(zoom) Hollowshore, from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ HW @ 1600 on 09/06/19

**East to West panoramic sequence (6) from Seasalter to Faversham & Oare Creeks, from Sand End Buoy on 21/06/19**



3267\_Seasalter to Cleve Marshes, from Sand End Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



3268\_Cleve Substation, from Sand End Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



IMG 3264\_Cleve Hill to Nagden Marshes, from Sand End Buoy\_at ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19



IMG 3266\_Faversham & Oare, from Sand End Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0745 on 21/06/19

**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

**East to West panoramic sequence (8) from Seasalter to Isle of Harty, from Ham Gat Buoy on 21/06/19**



IMG 3271\_Seasalter to Cleve Hill from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ 1/2 tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19



IMG 3272\_Cleve Hill to Oare from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ 1/2 tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19



IMG 3273\_Nagden to Isle of Harty from Ham Gat Buoy \_@ 1/2 tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19



IMG 3274\_Isle of Harty from Ham Gat Buoy \_@ 1/2 tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19

**East to West panoramic sequence (9) from Seasalter to Shell Ness, from Ham Gat Buoy on 21/06/19**



IMG 3277\_Seasalter and Blean Hill to Cleve Marshes from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19

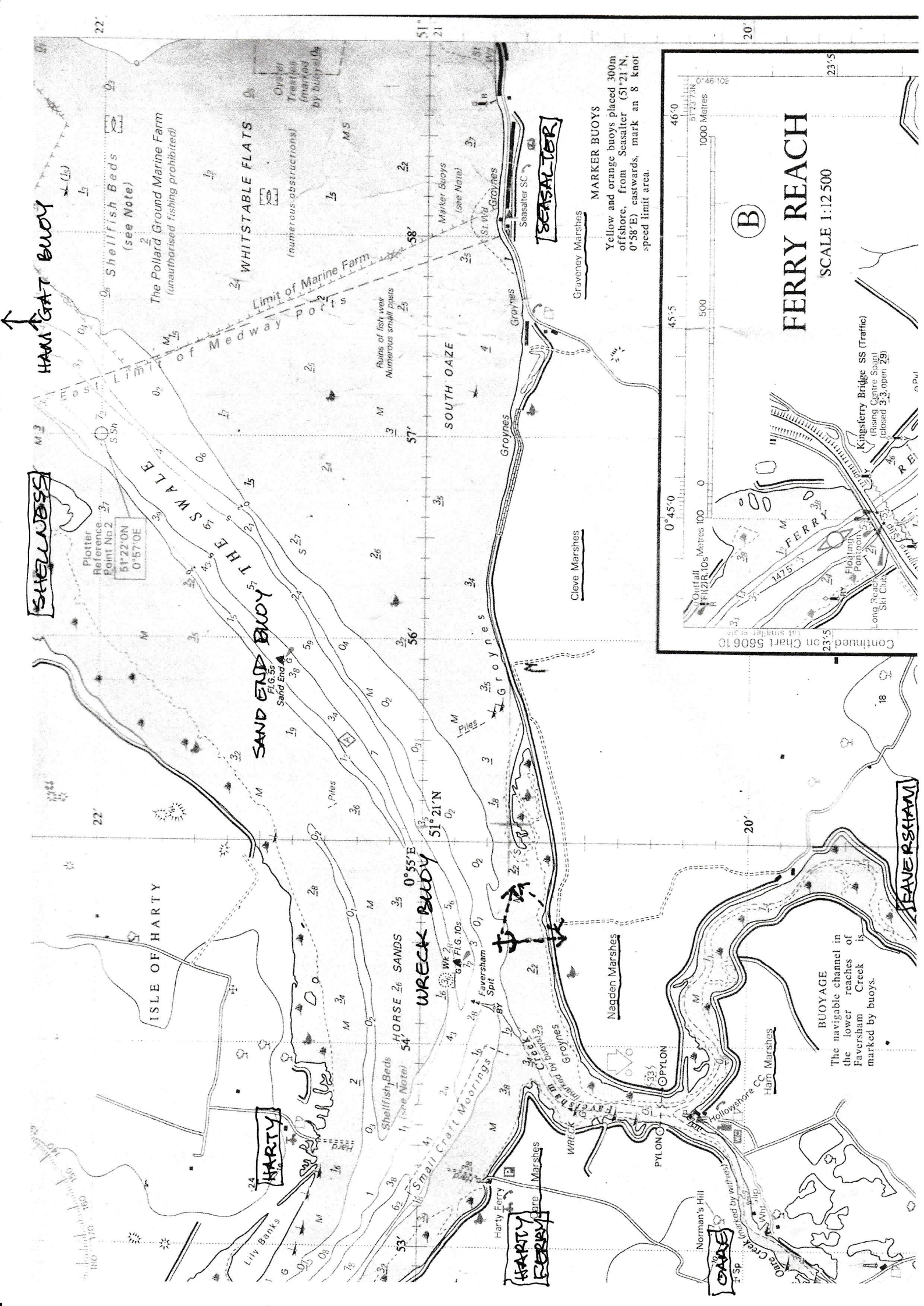


IMG 3276\_Blean Hill, Cleve Marshes and Nagden Marshes from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19



IMG 3275\_Nagden Marshes to Isle of Harty & Shell Ness from Ham Gat Buoy\_@ ½ tide @ 0800 on 21/06/19

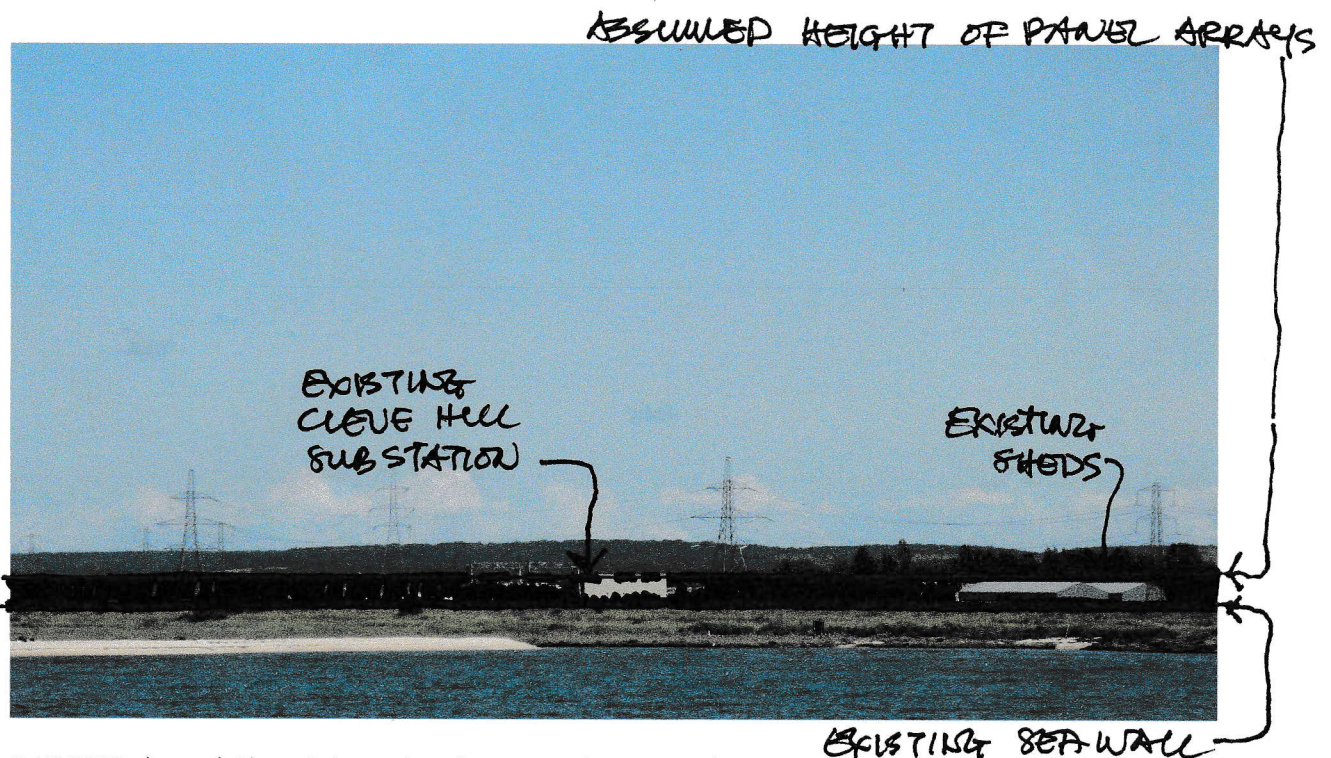




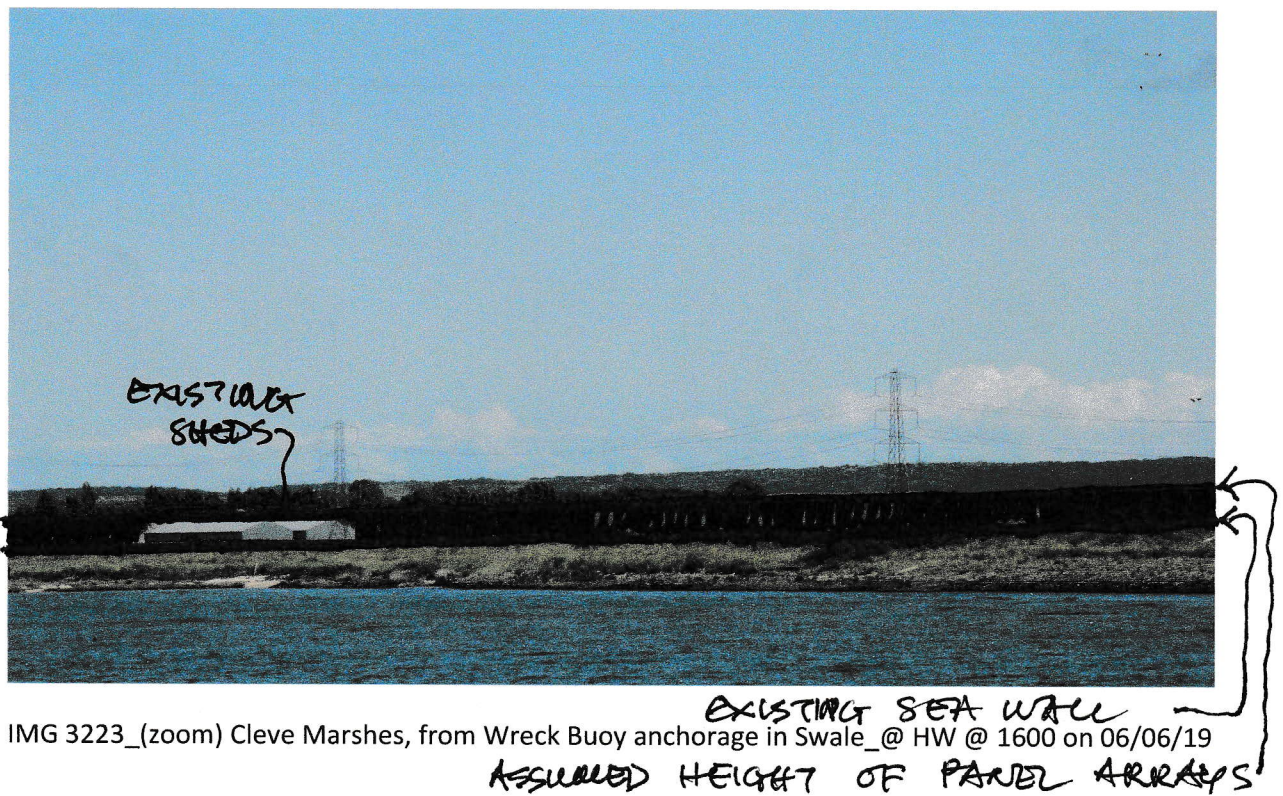


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East to West panoramic zoom sequence from Cleve Hill Substation to Nagden Marshes from Wreck Buoy Anchorage on 06/06/19



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



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ASSUMED HEIGHT OF PANEL ARRAYS



EXISTING SEA WALL

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



EXISTING SEA WALL

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

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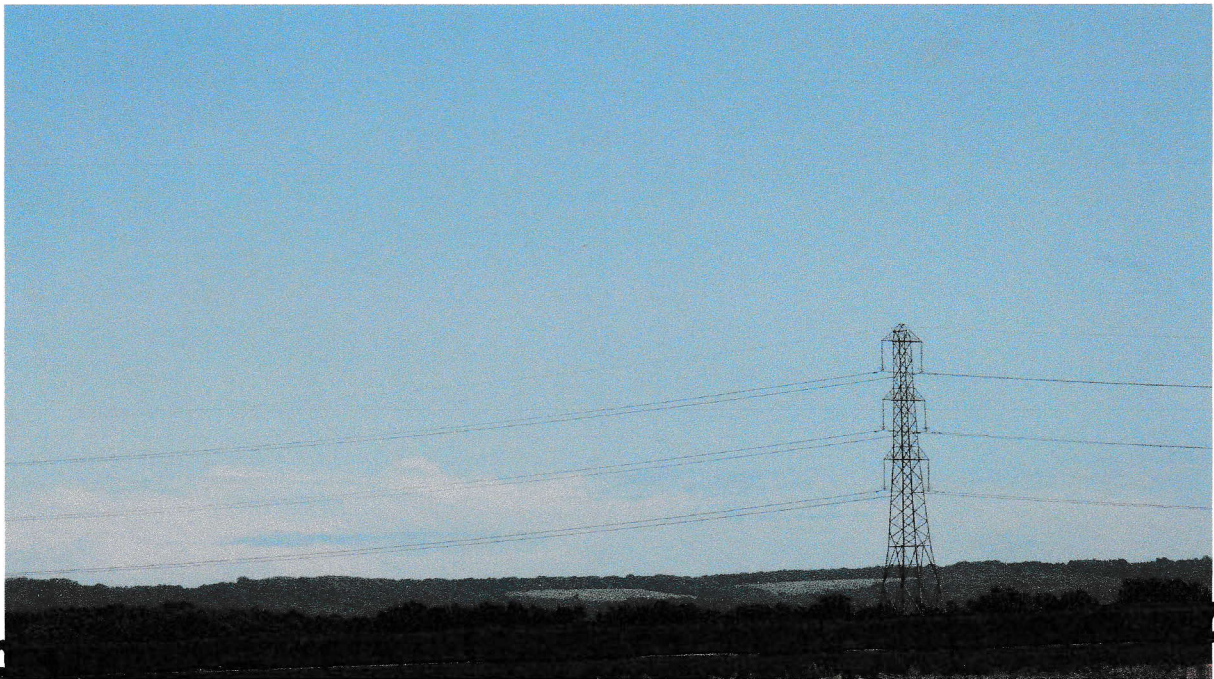


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EXISTING SEA WALL

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



EXISTING SEA WALL

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

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