South Humber Bank Energy Centre DCO

North East Lincolnshire Council's Response to Rule 17 Letter – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) footage

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North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) has watched the UAV footage submitted and consider it is a useful addition to the examination process and provides a good view of the site features, boundaries, and immediate surrounding area increasing the understanding of the issues under consideration.

NELC considers the UAV footage showed the site in clear manner and the relationship of the site to the Humber Estuary but also nature of the surrounding area including other industrial uses and adjoining fields. NELC would also highlight the UAV provided good views of the wider site that will accommodate the additional ecological mitigation area to the west of the South Humber Bank Power Station (SHBPS). It also allows clear views of the existing highway adjoining the site assisting the understanding of access proposals to South Marsh Road and the wider network at Hobson Way.

It is noted that the Examiner undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) on the 25th August 2020 when the site, surroundings, vehicle routes and key viewpoints, as identified within the Environmental Statement, were considered in person. It is considered, therefore, that the UAV footage together with the USI provides a thorough understanding other site, surrounding and wider area in relation to the effects and impacts of the proposal under consideration.