

I wish to formally object to the above environmental permit application.

As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact of this proposed development, particularly in relation to the nearby Dee Estuary and surrounding habitats, which are of recognised ecological importance and are used by protected bird species.

1. Impact on Bird Populations and Sensitive Habitats

The proximity of this development to internationally important bird habitats raises serious concerns. The Dee Estuary supports significant populations of overwintering and migratory birds, including species of conservation concern. Any increase in industrial activity, emissions, or habitat disturbance has the potential to disrupt feeding, nesting, and migration behaviours.

Evidence already submitted during the wider planning process highlights concerns regarding:

Loss of functionally important feeding land for birds

Impacts on protected estuary habitats

Insufficient mitigation measures proposed by the developer

These risks are not theoretical — regulators and conservation bodies have already raised concerns that the current mitigation proposals may not adequately protect wildlife.

2. Air Quality and Nitrogen Deposition

The proposed combustion processes and emissions have the potential to increase nitrogen deposition in the Dee Estuary. This is particularly concerning given that existing nitrogen levels in the estuary are already above safe ecological thresholds.

Further increases could lead to:

Degradation of saltmarsh habitats

Reduced biodiversity

Long-term damage to ecosystems that birds depend on

3. Cumulative Environmental Impact

This development does not exist in isolation. There are existing and proposed industrial activities in the region, and the cumulative impact must be properly assessed.

I am concerned that:

Combined emissions and habitat loss are not being sufficiently accounted for

The additive impact on protected sites is underestimated

4. Insufficient Evidence of No Harm

Given the ecological sensitivity of the area, the burden of proof should be on the applicant to demonstrate that there will be no significant adverse effect on protected habitats or species.

Based on publicly available information, this threshold has not been met.