

I am writing to object to the proposed power station development at the Hoverport site due to its location within a wildlife-dense and environmentally sensitive area.

This area is a rare and valuable local amenity. It supports a unique mosaic of habitats, including saltmarsh, which is already under pressure nationally and locally. The loss or degradation of this habitat would be irreversible. Saltmarsh is not only important for wildlife but also plays a critical role in flood mitigation and coastal resilience. Any damage caused by construction activity, groundworks, noise, vibration, or long-term operation would have lasting consequences for the flora and fauna that depend on it.

The area is also widely used by local people for walking their dogs, exercising, and general enjoyment of the natural environment. It provides an accessible, open space that supports both physical and mental wellbeing. The industrialisation of this landscape would result in the permanent loss of a valued community resource that many people rely on as part of their daily lives.

I am particularly concerned about the impact of prolonged construction noise, vibration, lighting, and increased human activity on wildlife. Many species that rely on this area are sensitive to disturbance, especially during breeding and feeding periods. Once disrupted, these populations may not return.

Beyond environmental harm, the proposal would have a direct and negative impact on my day-to-day life. Living adjacent to a long-term construction site would significantly affect wellbeing through noise, disruption, visual intrusion, and loss of access to a peaceful natural space.

There are also serious concerns about property value and future prospects. The presence of a large power station next to homes would materially reduce the desirability and value of nearby properties, potentially making them difficult to sell. This represents a substantial personal and financial impact.

In summary, this development risks sacrificing a rare and fragile environment and a well-used local amenity for an industrial use that is fundamentally incompatible with its surroundings. I strongly urge the Examining Authority to give significant weight to the environmental sensitivity of the site and the real, lived impacts on nearby residents.