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Dear Elaine

Planning consultation: Section 73 application to vary condition No.13 (Noise) of planning approvals 18/2079/FUL and 18/2082/FUL - Applications for a gas fired generating facility (GFGF) for the generation of 49.99MW electricity to facilitate regional distribution during generation shortfall and to meet peak supply demands.

Location: Land to the East of Cowpen Bewley Road, Saltholme

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 25 February 2019 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on designated sites and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

European sites – Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) and proposed SPA

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have likely significant effects on the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area and pSPA and has no objection to the proposed development.

To meet the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, we advise you to record your decision that a likely significant effect can be ruled out. The following may provide a suitable justification for that decision:

- The modelled contour maps included in the updated noise report show the combined impacts of both developments as creating noise levels of less than 55dB at the ecologically

sensitive receptors within the RSPB reserve at Saltholme. This is within acceptable limits.

Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 0208 0265533 or andrew.whitehead@naturalengland.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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