

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

North Ferriby Parish Council have raised an issue pertaining to the latest application from St Modwen and the original application currently under appeal.

The documentation we have seen contains no Environmental Impact Assessment. We believe that this is required under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011.

As its title implies, an Environmental Impact Assessment is a document required to be submitted by the applicant at the request of the Local Planning Authority. Its purpose is to assess the impact on the environment including environmental impacts in the area surrounding the development. We consider this statement to be vital as the site is within a very short distance of the Humber estuary which is a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a RAMSAR designated site of European, if not worldwide, importance. RAMSAR is an intergovernmental treaty which embodies the commitment of its member countries to maintain the ecological character of wetlands of international importance.

The proposed development is large scale, 39 acres, and includes residential development for a thousand people and industrial/business development.

We also wish to raise the question as to whether or not Environmental Impact Assessment was considered when the site was originally allocated for industrial use.

Accordingly, we have;

- Raised the issue of the Environmental Impact Assessment with the Planning Inspector in respect of the impending appeal.
- Emphasised our concerns in our response to the Local Planning Authority pursuant to its consultation following the new application by St Modwen.
- Sought the views of the Local Planning Authority in relation to the requirements for Environmental Impact Assessments for the two pending applications and the original allocation of the site for industrial purposes.

Copies of our letters to the Planning Inspector and the Local Planning Authority are attached.

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Chairman North Ferriby Parish Council