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Dear sir/ madam,

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust attended and spoke at the Issue Specific Hearing: Environmental Issues on Wednesday 22nd November.

During Point B: Ecology we provided new evidence from a study by the Environment Agency to justify undertaking wetland habitat creation as part of the ecological enhancement measures associated with the Eggborough CCGT scheme. The Examining Authority requested that such information is submitted, as this is additional information to our previous written representations.

The Environment Agency have recently completed a study on how natural processes could best be utilised to reduce flooding, and where there is potential for such work to be undertaken on river catchments in England. This work highlighted that the stretch of the River Aire close to Eggborough is one of two locations in the River Aire catchment (and the only place in the Lower Aire) which has high potential for habitat creation to be undertaken to reduce flood risk. This is therefore justification that wetland habitat creation in this area will be effective at providing multiple benefits for flood alleviation and wildlife, and provides confidence that the 'Lower Aire Valley Contribution' associated with the Eggborough CCGT Project will result in ecological enhancements.

I have attached the relevant documents for your interest. The weblink below is of the evidence base used for the study and additional documents.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-with-natural-processes-to-reduce-flood-risk

Please let me know if there is any other additional information that you require from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on this matter.

Kind Regards,

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