

Appendix B

Summary of Site History

1939	Heysham Aviation Works established
1939 – 45	Produced wartime aviation fuel
1948 – early 1970s	Produced petroleum (Shell) and ammonium nitrate fertilisers (ICI)
1970s and 80s	Heysham 1 and 2 nuclear power stations constructed
Early 1970s	Petroleum production ceases
Early 1980s	Fertiliser production ceases
Mid 1980s	City Council buys approx. 80 hectares of site
Late 1980s	Council obtains derelict grant to remediate site to standards applicable at that time
1993	Morecambe and Heysham Local Plan allocates large parts of site as community woodland. Aim was to improve appearance of area to encourage investment and to provide recreational opportunities
2001	Heysham Port acquired by Mersey Docks and Harbour Company in May 2001
Early 2000s	First phase of “Middleton Wood” established with grant aid from NWDA and ERDF. Around 14 hectares improved and new access road to Heysham Industrial Estate constructed
2004	Lancaster District Local Plan confirms Middleton Wood designation
2005	Lancashire County Council buys Lancashire West Business Park (formerly ICI land east of Middleton Road) for waste transfer station. Subsequently construct Imperial Way.
2009	Lancashire Wildlife Trust take on management of most of the site
2011	City Council considers applying for Enterprise Zone status and submits bids for Regional Growth Funding and financial assistance under the “Growing Places” fund for Heysham Gateway.
2012	Cabinet resolved to dispose of around 7 hectares of site. Option agreement subsequently signed with Clifton Marsh Power for gas fuelled power station
2014	Lancashire Regeneration and Property Partnership begin work with both councils to develop strategy for the area and promote economic development
Ongoing	Various infrastructure projects associated with the energy market including cables and substations for offshore wind farms and the prosed tunnel head for the new national grid connections from Moorside in Cumbria.