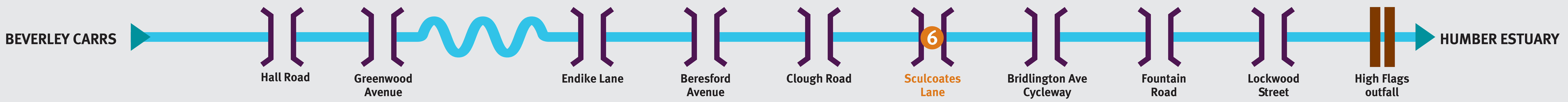


Beverley & Barmston Drain: **Sculcoates Lane**

BRIDGE **6**



Needlers Factory

Fred Needler set up his chocolate and confectionary business in 1886 at Hanover Square in Hull. After several moves to new premises, the business had grown so large that a purpose-built factory was opened on Sculcoates Lane in 1906. By 1912 Needler's were producing 576 lines, 74 of which were chocolate, and by 1920 the company was making 650 tonnes of chocolate and 1,500 tonnes of sweets per year.

Fred Needler treated his staff fairly and shared some of his profits with them and was also a generous benefactor to several charities. The employees were said to have enjoyed excellent welfare and social provisions.

In 1938 the Needlers chemists discovered a way of producing glace fruit drops, quite unlike other boiled sweets at the time, and they went on to be a huge hit with consumers.

After many smaller shops closed due to the rise of supermarkets, Needlers products became less popular and the business was sold, the factory eventually closed in 2002 and was demolished soon after to be replaced by housing, commemorated in the name Needlers Way.

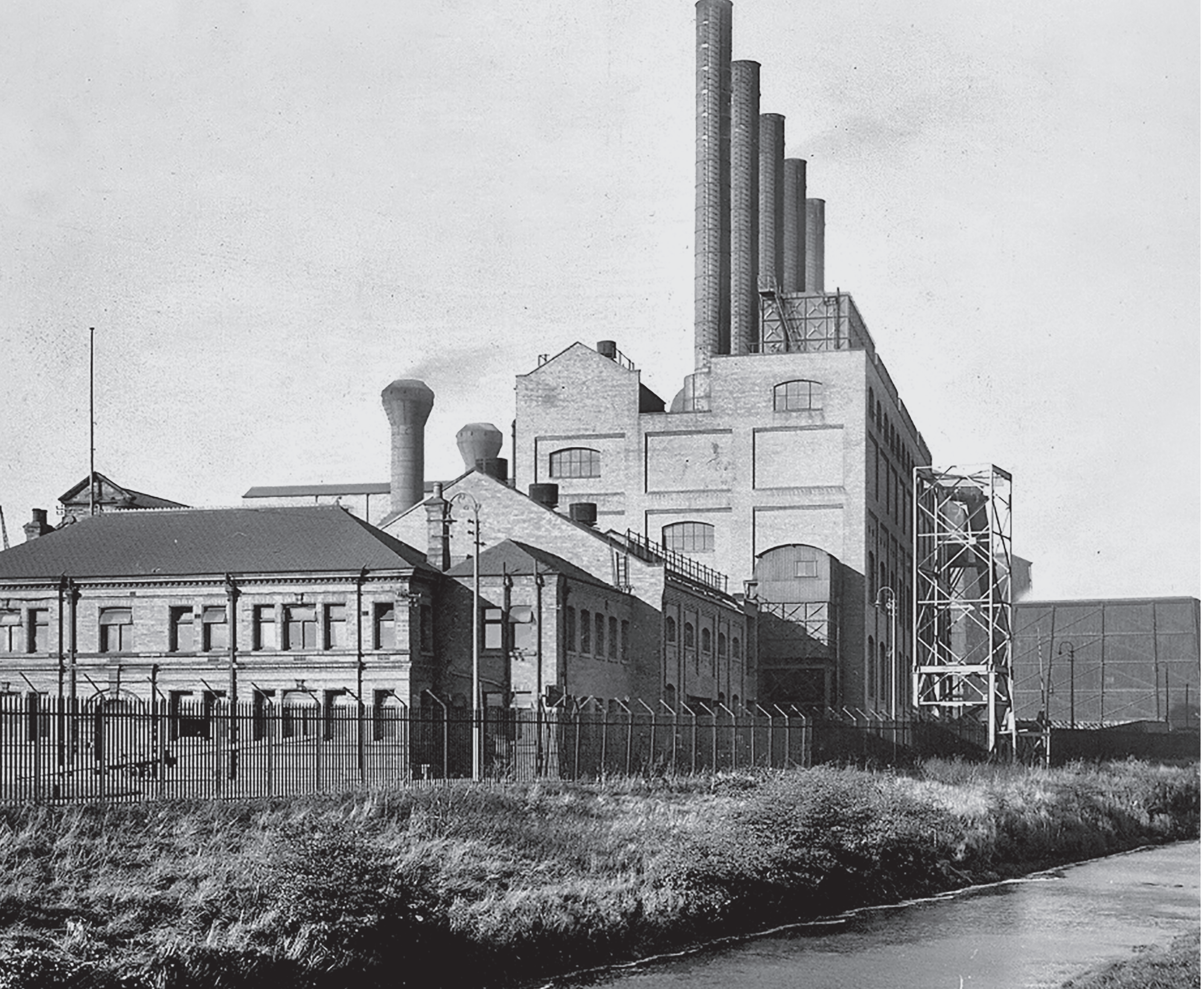


Sculcoates Power Station

In 1880 Kingston upon Hull Corporation were authorised to supply electricity for public lighting through a private company to certain streets in the old town. A generating station was opened in Dagger Lane in 1882, by 1884 it was supplying 271 customers.

By 1898 the demand for electricity had grown so much, that a new coal fired generating station was built next to Beverley and Barmston Drain between Sculcoates Lane and the King George Dock railway line; this enabled coal to be brought by rail, while the drain provided a source of cooling water. The power station was extended several times and had 9 timber and one concrete cooling towers. It supplied 95,000 customers and 160 square miles of the East Riding during its working life, but it became redundant in 1976 and was demolished in 1979.

The area where the power station and its cooling towers stood has now been developed as housing.



FACT FEMALES HAVE A RED/ORANGE PATCH AT THE BASE OF THEIR BILL AND THE MALES' BILLS ARE ALL BLACK!

History of Beverley and Barmston Drain

The Beverley and Barmston Drainage Act of 1798 enabled the creation of a new drain to improve the lowest wet land in the East Riding. The drain begins just north of Hempholme, with one section flowing out to sea at Barmston village and the other section flowing through the city of Hull. It was cut so deeply that it had to flow through tunnels built underneath several other watercourses.

The Beverley and Barmston Drain is one of the last major drains that still run in the open through the city of Hull; there was once a whole network of drains across the city, but most have now been filled in or covered over to become part of the underground sewer network. The drain flows under gravity through Hull, but two pumping stations at Beverley Waterside and Wilfholme in the upper reaches, divert most of the water into the River Hull. The drain is now much shallower and slower flowing than it used to be.



LOOK OUT FOR...

- Burdock
- Dandelion
- Swift
- Grasshopper
- Kingfisher
- House sparrow
- Pipistrelle bat
- Grey wagtail
- Starling
- Hawthorn
- Tree sparrow
- Otter
- Grass snake