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Subject: NSIP: Port Talbot Steelworks - Application by Tata Steel UK Ltd (EN010062)

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Proposed Port Talbot Steelworks (EN010062)

With regard to the Rule 8 letter dated 18/12/14, and the request for comments by 12/1/15: the Examining Authority may wish to satisfy itself that, as part of the Examination, the extent and severity of major hazards to the public have been duly considered.

In our letter dated 14/3/14 at the Section 42 stage we commented - "The TATA Power station is within the consultation zones of the Port Talbot TATA Steelworks itself. There appears to be no section in the documentation on how this affects the risks to the public from the site itself. In other words, does the power station increase the risk from the rest of the site because of its presence?"

When reviewing the Section 56 submission, HSE could find no information to suggest that the extent and severity of known major hazards, to the surrounding population, from the proposed development have been considered. For example the loss of fuel gas containment may give rise to vapour cloud explosion, or flash fire, these may in turn escalate to surrounding plant. As the advice had been given HSE did not make a further representation but contacted PINs to say that HSE might wish to make a full submission at the Examination stage.

It is considered that the preparation and approval of a high level assessment need not have a significant impact on project timescales, since at this stage this does not need the detailed design or detailed risk assessment to be considered.

In order to establish the suitability of the location: it is considered reasonable to expect any applicant to have satisfied itself that it has considered the impact of known hazards from the proposed development to the public. For your information, the need for such a consideration was recently included in a Development Consent Order issued by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change for another power plant.

Regards,

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