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Dear Mrs Hanlon

THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 51 ‘ADVICE FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AND OTHERS’

ADVICE FOLLOWING ISSUE OF DECISION TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

We write in response to the Planning Inspectorate’s advice to the Applicants (Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited) provided under Section 51 ‘Advice for potential applicants and others’ of ‘The Planning Act 2008’ (the ‘PA 2008’) dated 16th August 2021 and further to the meeting between the Inspectorate and Applicants on 15th September 2021.

This letter represents the Applicants’ interim response to the Inspectorate’s Section 51 advice and sets out the proposed timetable for notifying persons of the decision to accept the Application pursuant to Section 56 ‘Notifying persons of accepted application’ of the PA 2008 and Regulation 16 ‘Accepted application – publicity and consultation for EIA development’ of ‘The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the ‘EIA Regulations’).

The letter also outlines the Applicants’ intention to seek changes to the Application in advance of the start of the Examination.

Submission of updated Application Documents

The following updated Application Documents were submitted to the Inspectorate by the Applicants on 13th and 17th September 2021:

- Application Document Ref. 5.2 – Project Need Statement.
- Application Document Ref. 5.8 – Combined Heat and Power Assessment.
- Application Document 5.11 – Indicative Lighting Strategy.
- Application Document Ref. 6.3.74 – ES Volume II, Figure 17-7a Viewpoint 1 – Albion Terrace, Hartlepool (Summer).

The updated Project Need Statement, Indicative Lighting Strategy and Figure 17-7a Viewpoint 1, replace the previously submitted versions that were corrupted.



The updated Combined Heat and Power Assessment omits the 'Confidential' references in the footers of the previously submitted version, which were included in error.

Works Plans & minor errors and omissions

The Applicants are currently updating the Works Plans (Application Document Ref. 4.2) to take account of the changes requested by the Inspectorate and will also address the minor errors and emissions identified in the Acceptance Checklist.

The Applicants will submit the updated plans and documents prior to the commencement of the notifications and publicity pursuant to Section 56 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 16 of the EIA Regulations.

The Applicants will also provide a 'Signposting Document' detailing the updates that have been made to the plans and documents and providing an explanation for those changes.

Consultees identified on a precautionary basis

The Applicants note that the Inspectorate has identified one person (Box 6 of the Acceptance Checklist) who was not consulted pursuant to Section 42 'Duty to consult' of the PA 2008 and who the Applicants may wish to serve notice upon pursuant to Section 56.

Relevant Representations Period

The Applicants intend to commence the Relevant Representations period by undertaking the notifications and publicity required by Section 56 and EIA Regulation 16 from around mid to late October 2021.

The Applicants are proposing to allow a period of six to eight weeks for the submission of Relevant Representations.

Changes to the Application

At the meeting on 15th September, the Applicants set out their intention to make changes to the Application. These changes are aimed at reducing optionality in the Application, notably around the Gas Connection.

The Applicants are currently undertaking further technical studies to allow a reduction in the number of options and it is anticipated that these studies will be concluded early in Q1 2022. Following the conclusion of the studies the Applicants will make a formal request to the Examining Authority in respect of the changes, cognisant of the advice in Advice Note 16. It is anticipated that this will take place in Q1 2022 in advance of the start of the Examination.

We trust that this letter is of assistance but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Geoff Bullock ([REDACTED]@dwdllp.com [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or Rob Booth ([REDACTED]@dwdllp.com [REDACTED])).

Yours sincerely,



DWD – on behalf NZT Power & NZNS Storage