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To: All Interested Parties and Affected Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010103

Date: 16 February 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008

Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Net Zero Teesside Project.

Request by the Applicants in Respect of the Timing of the Preliminary Meeting / Examination.

I write to thank those of you who responded to my letter of 7 February 2022. This sought the views of Interested Parties and Affected Persons on the Applicants' comments about the intention to make changes to the application and their request that the Preliminary Meeting be arranged for mid-May. Both the Applicants' letter of 4 February and the responses of Interested Parties and Affected Persons have been helpful to the Examining Authority in deciding the next steps in the examination of this application.

On 31 January I wrote to the Applicants seeking clarification about a number of matters raised in their letter of 26 January. In my letter I questioned whether it would be appropriate to commence the Examination in mid-March 2022 rather than delaying the Preliminary Meeting until mid-May.

Having reviewed the comments on this matter I can confirm that the Preliminary Meeting will not take place in mid-March and that the Examining Authority is considering a Preliminary Meeting during May. The date will be confirmed through the Rule 6 letter in due course which will be published at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

My letters of 31 January and 7 February together with the Applicants' letter of 4 February and the responses of Interested Parties and Affected Persons are available on the National Infrastructure Planning <u>website</u> along with all the application documents.



Yours faithfully

Kevin Gleeson

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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