

The Examining Authority
The Net Zero Teesside Project

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Dear Sir or Madam

**South Tees Development Corporation (STDC)
Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (The Applicant)
The Net Zero Teesside Project (The Project)**

We write on behalf of South Tees Development Corporation and further to your letter dated 7 February 2022 on the Applicant's request to delay the commencement of the examination to mid-May 2022.

STDC supports the Applicant's request to delay to the Preliminary Meeting date. STDC is mindful of the Applicant's reasons and considers that the delay would be beneficial in order to allow the Applicant to resolve points raised in relevant representations, including those of STDC. STDC agrees with the Applicant that consultation outside the examination period will provide the fullest opportunity to engage with the proposed changes, and avoid a more complex and burdensome process should the changes have to be considered in tandem with the examination.

STDC is not yet aware of the detailed nature of the proposed changes and so makes no comment at this stage as to the extent to which the changes would satisfactorily address the concerns raised in its relevant representations.

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