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Dear Mr Stephens

EN010103 - THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

I write on behalf of the Applicants, Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, in relation to the Net Zero Teesside (NZN) Development Consent Order (DCO) Application, which was accepted for examination on 16 August 2021.

Since submission of the DCO Application, the Applicants have continued to engage with Interested Parties with a view to addressing their comments and agreeing common ground, while also continuing with detailed project development. This has included progressing further work on the optionality around certain elements of the NZN Project. This work has identified a number of changes that should be made to the Project. The changes relate primarily to the optionality included in the Application (particularly around the connection corridors for the Project) and a reduction in land take (or a reduction in the powers sought over land). In addition, there are other minor changes or updates to the Project.

The proposed changes are not considered, individually or cumulatively, to lead to the NZN Project being different in nature or substance to that which was originally applied for in July 2021. The Project would remain a full chain Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage project, comprising a number of elements, including a new gas-fired electricity generating station (with an electrical output of up to 860 megawatts) with post-combustion carbon capture plant; gas, electricity and water connections (for the electricity generating station); a CO₂ pipeline network for collecting CO₂ from a cluster of local industries on Teesside; a high-pressure CO₂ compressor station; and an onshore CO₂ pipeline.

The changes proposed to be sought to the DCO Application reflect design evolution or refinement of the Project, seek to respond to comments received from Interested Parties, deliver improvements to the Project, and reduce optionality, land take and complexity, therefore reducing its overall impacts.



The Applicants consider that the proposed changes to the DCO Application, taken together, may be material. Therefore, the Applicants are notifying the Examining Authority (ExA) of their intention to formally request a change to the Application and are seeking advice from the ExA on the procedural implications. The formal change request would be accompanied by information on the proposed changes and by updated application documents and additional information as required.

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 16, this letter is accompanied by a 'Notification of Proposed Changes' document, which provides:

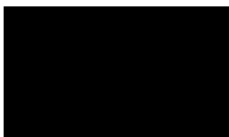
- A description of, and justification for, the proposed changes.
- An overview of further work being undertaken to assess how the changes would affect the environmental assessments reported in the Application and the extent to which these would be different as a result of the changes.
- Details of the proposed approach to the non-statutory consultation that the Applicants intend to undertake in respect of the changes.
- An indicative programme for introducing the proposed changes.

The Applicants respectfully request the advice of the ExA on the procedural implications of the proposed changes and on the need, scope and nature of the proposed non-statutory consultation that the Applicants intend to undertake in respect of those changes.

The Notification of Proposed Changes document has been submitted as soon as practical and in accordance with the timeline set out by the Applicants in their letter of 26 January 2022 so that the requisite process can be followed to ensure that all Interested Parties are able to understand and consider the implications of the proposed changes in good time before the start of the Examination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way to clarify any matters associated with this notification.

Yours sincerely



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