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Subject: EN010103 - THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT - APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO PRELIMINARY MEETING & NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS AND ACCOMPANIED SITE VISIT
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Dear Ms Evans,

APPLICATION REF: EN010103 - THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 – SECTION 88 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURES) RULES 2010 – RULE 6, RULE 9, RULE 13 and RULE 16

I write on behalf of the Applicants in response to the Planning Inspectorate's letter dated 11 April 2022 concerning the Preliminary Meeting, Hearings and Accompanied Site Visit.

I can confirm that the Applicants and their representatives will attend the Preliminary Meeting on 10th May and the Hearings on 10th and 11th May 2022.

The Applicants and their representatives will attend the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and Hearings in person and wish to speak at the PM. The Applicants and their representatives will also speak at the Hearings in response to the agenda items.

It is anticipated that the following persons will attend the PM on behalf of the Applicants:

- Paul Edwards – bp
- Jack Bottomley – bp
- Graeme Mallows – bp
- Graeme Dawe – bp
- Hereward Phillpot QC – Francis Taylor Buildings
- Isabella Tafur – Francis Taylor Buildings
- Nick McDonald – Pinsent Masons
- James Gibson – Pinsent Masons
- Imogen Dewar – Pinsent Masons
- Richard Lowe – AECOM
- Ian Campbell – AECOM
- Geoff Bullock – DWD
- Rob Booth – DWD

In addition to the above, the following persons will also attend the Hearings:

- Andy Lane – bp
- Ben Tze Kek – bp
- Bilal Ahmad – bp
- Clare Haley – bp
- Matthew Coe – AECOM
- Harry Stubbs – Dalcour Maclaren
- Tim Wright – Dalcour Maclaren
- Phil Tuley – Dalcour Maclaren
- Joshua Peat – Dalcour Maclaren

The following persons will attend the Accompanied Site Visit on 12 May 2022:

- Paul Edwards – bp
- Jack Bottomley – bp
- Graeme Mallows – bp
- Graeme Dawe – bp
- Richard Lowe – AECOM
- Ian Campbell – AECOM
- Geoff Bullock – DWD
- Rob Booth – DWD

Below I have set out the Applicants' comments on the letter dated 11 April 2022 and the accompanying Annexes.

Annex A – Agenda for Preliminary Meeting

Under Item 7 'Any other matters' the Applicants' wish to raise their intention to update the Planning Statement (Document Ref 5.3) [APP-070]. Since the submission of the Application there have been several matters which mean that the Planning Statement needs to be updated. These matters are the High Court judgment in EFW Group Limited v Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy [2021] EWHC 2697 (Admin); the publication of a revised National Planning Policy Framework in 2021 and the publication of revised draft National Policy Statements for energy infrastructure in September 2021. The Applicants intend to submit an updated Planning Statement at Deadline 1 addressing each of these. The document will be provided in both clean and tracked copies.

Annex D – Draft Examination Timetable

Should the Examining Authority accept the proposed changes to the Application (submitted on 28 April 2022) into the Examination before the Preliminary Meeting, the Applicants would suggest that Interested Parties be requested to provide any comments on the changes by Deadline 1 of the Examination (26 May 2022). It is considered that this would provide sufficient time for the submission of comments by Interested Parties taking into account that the Applicants consulted Interest Parties (and other persons) on the changes between 10 March and 14 April 2022 and that a limited number of responses were received to that consultation.

Annex I – Statements of Common Ground

The Applicants intend to approach the following additional parties about the preparation and agreement of Statements of Common Ground:

- North Sea Transition Authority.
- The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning.
- National Highways.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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