

Net Zero Teesside Project

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Land at and in the vicinity of the former Redcar Steel Works site, Redcar and in Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside

The Net Zero Teesside Order

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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Description
Applicants	Together NZT Power and NZNS Storage
Application (or DCO Application)	The application for a DCO made to the SoS under Section 37 of PA 2008 in respect of the Proposed Development, required pursuant to Section 31 of the PA 2008 because the Proposed Development is a NSIP under Section 14(1)(a) and Section 15 of PA 2008 by virtue of being an onshore generating station in England or Wales of electrical capacity of more than 50 megawatts, and which does not generate electricity from wind, and by the Section 35 Direction
DCO	A Development Consent Order made by the relevant Secretary of State pursuant to the PA 2008 to authorise a NSIP. A DCO can incorporate or remove the need for a range of consents which would otherwise be required for a development. A DCO can also include powers of compulsory acquisition
Land Plans	The plans showing the land that is required for the Proposed Development, and the land over which interests or rights in land are sought as part of the Order
NZT Power	Net Zero Teesside Power Limited
NZNS Storage	Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited
NZT	Net Zero Teesside - the name of the Proposed Development.
Order	The Net Zero Teesside Order, being the DCO that would be made by the Secretary of State authorising the Proposed Development, a draft of which has been submitted as part of the Application

Order Land	The land which is required for, or is required to facilitate, or is incidental to, or is affected by, the Proposed Development and over which powers of compulsory acquisition are sought in the Order
Order Limits	The limits of the land to which the Application relates and shown on the Land Plans and Works Plans within which the Proposed Development must be carried out and which is required for its construction and operation
Proposed Development (or Project)	The development to which the Application relates and which requires a DCO, and as set out in Schedule 1 to the Order
Site (or Proposed Development Site)	The land corresponding to the Order Limits which is required for the construction and operation of the Proposed Development
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
Requirements	The 'requirements' at Schedule 2 to the Order that, amongst other matters, are intended to control the final details of the Proposed Development as to be constructed and to control its operation, amongst other matters to ensure that it accords with the EIA and does not result in unacceptable impacts
SoS	The Secretary of State - the decision maker for DCO applications and head of Government department. In this case the SoS for the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy
Work No.	Work number, a component of the Proposed Development, described at Schedule 1 to the Order
Works Plans	Plans showing the numbered works referred to at Schedule 1 to the Order and which together make up the Proposed Development

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (Document Ref. 8.10) has been prepared by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants') in conjunction with Northern Gas Networks Limited (NGN) in respect of the Net Zero Teesside Project (the 'Proposed Development').

1.1.2 The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicants and NGN and also explains those matters which, at the time of writing, remain unresolved between the parties.

1.1.3 The agreements to date have been reached through consultation and continuing discussions between the parties, including interface meetings and regular face to face discussions.

1.2 NGN Interests

1.2.1 NGN are a statutory undertaker with existing apparatus within the Applicants' Order Limits. Their interests as an occupier are outlined in the Book of Reference [AS-139], they have the following apparatus within the Applicants' Order Limits:

- Low pressure pipelines
- Medium pressure pipelines
- Regional high pressure pipelines

1.3 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.3.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the Examination of the Application and to assist the Examining Authority ('ExA'). It also explains the matters which remain unresolved at the time of writing, but which both parties are working positively toward resolving. As such, it is expected that further iterations of the SoCG will be submitted to the ExA throughout the Examination and prior to the making of any Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the Proposed Development.

1.3.2 The SoCG has been prepared with regard to the guidance in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of application for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).

1.3.3 The SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 2 – sets out consultation and related discussions held between the Applicants and NGN.
- Section 3 – sets out the matters discussed and agreed to date.
- Section 4 – sets out matters to be agreed and the proposed way forward.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

2.1 Overview

2.1.1 This section provides a summary of how the Applicants have consulted NGN on the Proposed Development and also sets out the discussions that have taken place between the parties.

2.2 Consultation

2.2.1 **Table 2.1** (below) provides a summary of how the Applicants have consulted NGN and how NGN have responded to that consultation.

Table 2.1: Summary of Consultation

Consultation Stage/Date	NGN Response
Stage 1 Consultation (non-statutory) – 2 nd October to 19 th November 2019	No response.
Stage 2 Consultation (statutory) – 7 th July to 18 th September 2020	No response
Section 42 Update Consultation – 8 th December 2020 to 25 th January 2021 (further targeted consultations held 12 th February to 16 th March 2021 & 26 th March to 3 rd May 2021)	No response
Consultation on proposed changes to DCO Application – 10 th March to 14 th April 2022	No response

2.3 Discussions

2.3.1 A summary of the discussions that have taken place between the parties is set out in the table below. Where appropriate, email follow-up has taken place to provide each party with information to support the progression of discussions.

Table 2.2: Summary of Discussions

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Topics Discussed
March 2022	Telephone call	Contacting NGN property team, no response
April 2022	Email	Project introduction
April 2022	Telephone call	Contacting NGN property team, no response
May 2022	Telephone call	Contacting NGN property team, no response
May 2022	Telephone call	Contacting NGN property team, provided brief project introduction and took an action to following up by email

May 2022	Email	Project introduction with supplementary information
May 2022	Email	Follow up on project introductory email
May 2022	Telephone call	Introductory call with NGN property team, agreed way forward with engagement and NGN followed up with email

3.0 MATTERS AGREED

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 This section sets out the matters agreed between the parties.

3.2 Protective Provisions

The parties' intention is to progress protective provisions, with a view to reaching agreement in this respect during the course of the Examination. NGN shared their standard set of PPs with the Applicants in May-2022 and stated that it is their preference to apply this form. These are under review by the Applicants.

3.3 NGNs Existing Apparatus

Both the Applicant and NGN have agreed to continue with engagement during the design of the Proposed Development in order to minimise and/or mitigate the impact it will have on NGNs existing apparatus.

NGN shared preliminary information with the Applicants in May-2022, indicating the location of their existing apparatus.

4.0 MATTERS TO BE AGREED

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 This section sets out matters to be agreed between the parties and the proposed way forward.

4.2 Protective Provisions

While both parties have agreed to progress the protective provisions, they are not yet in agreed form.