

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
Associated Development	Defined under S.115(2) of PA 2008 as development which is associated with the principal development and that has a direct relationship with it. Associated development should either support the construction or operation of the principal development or help address its impacts. It should not be an aim in itself but should be subordinate to the principal development
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
ExA	Examining Authority
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 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
PA 2008	The Planning Act 2008 which is the legislation in relation to applications for NSIPs, including preapplication consultation and publicity, the examination of applications and decision making by the Secretary of State
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
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
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. 8.20) has been prepared by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants') in conjunction with Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms 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 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms 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 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms Interests

1.2.1 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms have been identified as having electronic communications apparatus within the Order limits.

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 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms.
- 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 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms 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 Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms and how Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms have responded to that consultation.

Table 2.1: Summary of Consultation

Consultation Stage/Date	Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms Response
Stage 1 Consultation (non-statutory) – 2 nd October to 19 th November 2019	N/A
Stage 2 Consultation (statutory) – 7 th July to 18 th September 2020	N/A
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)	Confirmed they have sites/interests within the proposed Order Limits. Requested an opportunity to enter into negotiations with the Applicant regarding potential acquisition of their interests and/or to safeguard their interests.
Consultation on proposed changes to DCO Application – 10 th March to 14 th April 2022	N/A

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
April 2021 – to date	Email correspondence	The Applicants' lawyers have been in contact with the lawyers for Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms in relation to the protective provisions since April 2021.

3.0 MATTERS AGREED

3.1 Overview

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

3.2 Principle of the Proposed Development

3.2.1 There is an urgent need for the Proposed Development, relating both to the provision of low carbon electricity and the need to provide for the collection, compression and transport of carbon dioxide from a range of emitters in the Teesside area.

3.3 Protective provisions

3.3.1 The parties agree that the protective provisions for the protection of Operators of Electronic Communications Code Networks included in the draft DCO submitted with the Application (Part 2, Schedule 12) provide appropriate protection for Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms and are in form that is agreed.

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

The Applicants is in active discussion with Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms on protective provisions but they are not yet agreed.