Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that Natural England does not intend to attend the Issue Specific Hearing 6 on environmental matters on 19th October.

However, I can confirm to the Examining Authority that we are continuing to engage with the applicant on the main outstanding matter to be resolved that is within Natural England's remit. This is with regards to industrial effluent discharges, which include forms of nitrogen, and their potential impact on the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area and Ramsar site. In particular, we are working with the applicant to determine if their proposal will result in additional nitrogen reaching Seal Sands, which is the area of the SPA/Ramsar that is sensitive to nitrogen impacts.

We are expecting to receive a final nutrient neutrality assessment from the applicant imminently and will set out our advice regarding its conclusion in writing at that time.

If you require any further clarification on this matter, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

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