

National Infrastructure Planning
Net Zero Teesside DCO Case Team

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Dear Sir or Madam

Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (NZN) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Net Zero Teesside Project (the Project)

Deadline 12 - South Tees Development Corporation (STDC) - Closing Submissions

At ISH5 and CAH3, STDC agreed to summarise its outstanding objections to the Project to the Examining Authority.

Please find enclosed:

- (1) STDC's Final Summary of Outstanding Objections and Closing Submissions; and
- (2) STDC's preferred form of Protective Provisions for inclusion in the made Order.

STDC continues to object to the Project in its current form. STDC retains concerns around: the compulsory acquisition of its land and interests under powers in the DCO, having recently acquired the site by CPO itself; the failure to progress and complete agreements to acquire interests in STDC's land; the deficiencies in the protective provisions currently forming part of the draft DCO; and the level of control STDC will have in discharging requirements.

STDC has recommended amendments to the DCO in its Final Summary of Outstanding Objections and Closing Submissions. STDC invites the Examining Authority to consider and address such amendments in its recommendation to the Secretary of State, in light of STDC's unique position as owner of the main application site, as well as owner of a wider area over which it is seeking to secure schemes of economic significance, as part of its statutory regeneration remit.

STDC will continue to negotiate positively with the Applicants with a view to concluding the option for a lease of the main site. STDC also invites the Applicants to accelerate negotiations on the options for

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easements for services to the main site. STDC will update the Examining Authority / Secretary of State should an agreement / agreements be reached. If agreement(s) were to be reached, it is anticipated that a number of STDC's outstanding concerns could fall away. In its latest submissions, STDC has sought to make clear where concerns could fall away if an agreement is settled.

Finally, it should be noted that STDC has agreed a final form of SoCG which will be submitted by the Applicants at Deadline 12.

Yours faithfully

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