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Dear Sir

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

Response to Secretary of State's consultation letter dated 10 March 2023 - South Tees Development Corporation (STDC)

In response to paragraph 6 of the Secretary of State's letter of 10 March 2023, STDC submits the following update for the Secretary of State's consideration:

1. The Applicant and STDC are yet to reach a formal agreement on (i) protective provisions (ii) property agreements for the main application site; or (iii) property agreements for easements required for the installation of the Applicant's bespoke apparatus (including CO₂, natural gas, nitrogen, untreated water effluent and treated water effluent pipelines, electricity interconnector cables and fibre optic cables) which are not covered by the main site agreement.
2. The parties have been negotiating the option for the main application site since the close of examination and positive progress has been made. However, no further progress has been made on the protective provisions, nor on those easements for services not covered by the main site agreement.
3. Accordingly, STDC maintains the objections set out in its Final Summary of Outstanding Objections and Closing Submissions [REP12-166]. STDC's preferred protective provisions remain those submitted at the end of the examination. For avoidance of doubt, these were sent under cover of

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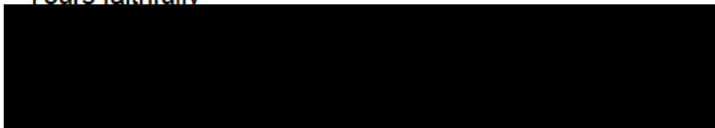
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our letter to the Planning Inspectorate dated 10 November 2022¹ and included both “clean”² and “tracked change”³ versions (as compared to the Applicant’s final draft DCO). These submissions were accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority and published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website on 17 November 2022.

4. These provisions include a proportionate level of control over the Applicant’s use of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers. If development consent is granted, STDC invites the Secretary of State to adopt STDC’s preferred protective provisions into the made DCO, given the impact the Net Zero Teesside proposals would have on STDC and its tenants.

STDC will continue to negotiate positively with the Applicants with a view to concluding the option for a lease of the main site.

Yours faithfully



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¹https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010103/EN010103-002674-STDC_%20End%20of%20Examination%20Letter%20to%20PINS%2010.11.22_Redacted.pdf

²<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010103/EN010103-002672-STDC%20Preferred%20PPs%20End%20of%20Examination%20CLEAN%20-%2010%20Nov%202022.pdf>

³<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010103/EN010103-002673-STDC%20Preferred%20PPs%20End%20of%20Examination%20TRACK%20-%2010%20Nov%202022.pdf>