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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear David Wagstaff,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited ("the Applicants") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Net Zero Teesside project ("the Proposed Development")

We are writing to inform you that we are engaged in ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the Environmental Permit application for the Proposed Development.

As a result of new evidence presented in the Environment Agency's Site of Special Scientific Interest Assessment ("SSSI"): Appendix 4 (under Section 28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981), Natural England has had cause to revisit the advice we gave during the statutory consultation phase for Development Consent Order ("DCO") application. We are currently advising the Environment Agency on the potential for impacts to the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI, to enable them to undertake their duties as the relevant regulatory authority. These discussions are ongoing and the Applicant has been kept informed.

We have enclosed an interim advice letter to the Environment Agency for your reference.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Christine Venus at @naturalengland.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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