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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 update you on Natural England’s position following our previous letters to the Environment Agency and the Planning Inspectorate, dated 20th October 2023. Since sending that letter, the Applicants have undertaken further air quality modelling and presented the results to Natural England and the Environment Agency.

The updated modelling demonstrates that the proposed development can achieve a rate of nutrient nitrogen deposition that is less than 1% of the relevant lower critical load on the Coatham Dunes interest feature of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Applicants have committed to delivering a final design that is consistent with this outcome and to working with the Environment Agency to secure it through the Environmental Permitting process.

Therefore, Natural England can confirm that the matter we raised with yourself on 20th October 2023 has been resolved and we have no further comments to make on this Development Consent Order application. Natural England is content for the Environmental Permitting process to progress separately to the Secretary of State’s decision on the Development Consent Order application and will continue to advise the Environment Agency, to enable them to undertake their duties as the relevant regulatory authority.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Cara Courage at [██████████@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:██████████@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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