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Hi Ryan,

Thank you for organising the agenda to suit our preferred date of the 22nd October.

We will leave the MS teams call at the break before Item 7 (Traffic and transport) as this isn't within our remit and therefore, we have no comments to make.

As most of the discussions on 23rd October will not be directed at the EA, we will not be attending. However, please find some comments below regarding topics which possibly require EA input. I can send this at the next deadline if needs be.

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b) Article 2 – Interpretation – site preparation works. The mitigation provided for archaeology, traffic, and the River Mease SAC and SSSI. Reference: responses to the ExA [PD-012 question 1.5] by the Applicant [REP4-011], SDDC [REP4-014], DCC [REP4-012] and EA [REP4-017]

Following the submission of an amended draft Development Consent Order [REP3-009], we have no remaining concerns.

Requirement 9 (Construction Environment Management Plan) now states, '(5) For the purposes of requirement 9(1) "commence" includes any site preparation works comprising site clearance (including vegetation removal, demolition of existing buildings and structures).

Requirement 13 (Land Contamination) now states, '(1) No part phase of the authorised development, and no part of the site preparation works for that phase comprising remedial work in respect of any contamination, is to be commenced until a contamination risk assessment in respect of soils has been produced.

f) Requirement 8 - Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. With reference to the EA's response to the ExA [REP4-017 question 1.17], whether it is necessary for the Landscape and Environmental Management Plan to be submitted to and approved by the EA.

There are no main rivers on or adjacent to the site and the submitted ecological assessment doesn't suggest there is a risk to water dependant species/habitats for which the EA are the lead. Therefore, the LEMP would fall within the remit of NE and or the Local Planning Authority and the EA would not typically be consulted.

l) Requirement 22 - Decommissioning and restoration. Whether Requirement 22(4) should include for approval in consultation with the Environment Agency and Natural England.

Yes.

Separate to the above, our Biodiversity Specialist Jess Andrews ([\[REDACTED\]@environment-agency.gov.uk](#)) will also be attending virtually. Can you please add her to the attendee list and send her the hearing invitation.

Best wishes,

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