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Ms Laura Feekins-Bate  
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15th April 2024

Dear Ms Feekins-Bate

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11**

**Application by Teesside Flexible Regas Port Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Teesside Flexible Regas Port Project (the Proposed Development)**

**Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested**

In response to your letter dated 13 March 2024 consulting Durham County Council prior to adopting a Scoping Opinion. I can now provide you with the following comments from Durham County Council. I appreciate that these are sent after 10 April 2024 and will not be included within the Scoping Opinion but will be forwarded to the Applicant for information.

*Ecology* – The 2km study area is appropriate and has covered the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA part of which falls in County Durham.

*Landscape* – The 2 km Landscape and Visual study area within the Scoping document is considered acceptable. Any impacts on County Durham would be negligible.

*Drainage* – There is no objections or comments to make.

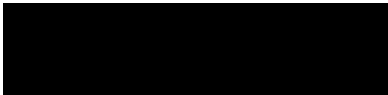
*Cultural Heritage* – There are unlikely to be any cultural heritage implications resulting from this proposal for County Durham. The search radius is therefore considered acceptable.

**Regeneration, Economy and Growth**

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*Highways* – Given the national importance of the proposed port project, but noting the distance from the nearest roads under the jurisdiction of DCC as Highway Authority, it is not considered that the traffic generated by the proposal would have a material impact on Durham County Council’s local highway network.

Yours sincerely



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