

Application by H2 Teesside Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the H2 Teesside Project.

Detailed agenda and arrangements for the Issue Specific Hearing on the scope of the development and its relationship to the extent of the Order Limits and progress of development design.

Notification of the date, time and venue for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) was provided in the Examining Authority's (ExA) letter dated 31 July 2024 [[PD-005](#)].

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the scope of the development and its relationship to the extent of the Order Limits and progress of development design	Wednesday 28 August 2024 (and morning of Thursday 29 August 2024 if required) Hearing Starts at 2pm Virtual Registration Process from 1.30pm	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Purpose of ISH

The main purpose of ISH1 is to undertake and facilitate questioning of certain topics, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to the scope of the development and its relationship to the extent of the Order Limits and progress of development design.

Attendees

In accordance with the ExA's letter of 31 July 2024, the Applicant and a number of Interested Parties (IP) have registered to attend this Hearing.

All registered IPs are invited to make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out below are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to speak at the Hearing, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond **5pm**. Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

This Issue Specific Hearing should be completed in the afternoon of Wednesday 28 August 2024. However, a **reserve date** has been scheduled for **Thursday 29 August 2024 at 10am** to allow for the virtual meeting to take place on that day/time in the event of:

- the Preliminary Meeting being delayed to its reserve date/ time; or
- to account for a failure of technology; or
- ISH1, if held on **Wednesday 28 August 2024** is not closed.

Normally the reserve period will not be required and confirmation of this will be provided by the ExA at the end of the ISH1 and subsequently notified on the project webpage.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9.30am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

Agenda

1	Welcome, preliminary matters and introductions.
2	Arrangements for the Issue Specific Hearing.
3	Scope of Development and its relation to the extent of the Order Limits.
3 (i)	<p>How the order limits have been assessed in relation to the current level of design development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether due to this project being the 'First of its kind' plant there is a need for design flexibility and how this applies to the pipelines and what impact that may have had on the Order Limits. ▪ How the Order Limits have been established in locations where existing infrastructure/ pipeline corridors will be used. ▪ Whether all the pipeline and connection corridors in the Proposed Development are required for phase 1 and if there is a scenario where phase 2 does not happen and there is not a requirement for all of the infrastructure that defines the order limits. ▪ How the Applicant's design has been used to establish the size requirements for the main site with unknown factors related to the design. ▪ The Applicant to explain how the areas within the main site which do not have production facilities or buildings will be utilised and how this has defined the Order Limits. ▪ How the design of the main site has been established when the two phases may not share infrastructure and the impact this may have on the Order Limits.
3 (ii)	<p>Coordination with other consented and proposed NSIPs in the vicinity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Applicant to explain the overlap with both the consented Net Zero Teesside and the proposed HyGreen proposal and whether there is an overlap on requirements for pipeline infrastructure in addition to the main site. ▪ Whether the main site levels above Ordnance Datum (aOD) statements align with those of the adjacent Net Zero and HyGreen proposals/ sites and how this has been allowed for within the current order limits and limits of deviation. ▪ How the design flexibility requirements for connections with the other NSIPs at the Foundry site has influenced the Order Limits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How the design of H2Teesside has been undertaken to consider, minimise or avoid impacting on the York Potash consented DCO. ▪ Whether any emerging NSIPs in the vicinity of the Proposed Development have been considered in the design process and in setting the Order Limits.
3 (iii)	<p>Coordination with other development proposals in the vicinity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether the design of H2Teesside has taken account of other development proposals and improvements in the vicinity of the Proposed Development.
4	Progress of design development.
4 (i)	<p>Level of design detail in the Application documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether the level of design as presented in the Application is such that it is not possible for Interested Parties or Other Persons to comment in detail on the impact of the Proposed Development. ▪ Whether further design work has been undertaken since the application submission. ▪ Whether the Applicant anticipates updating the works plans with further detail during the examination period. ▪ How the Proposed Development being a 'First of its Kind' project in terms of scale, impacts on the level of design detail.
4 (ii)	<p>Location of preferred route for pipelines, cable routes etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Applicant to explain the process for adding pipes to existing pipeline corridors. ▪ The Applicant to explain the current understanding regarding the availability of pipeline routes/ capacity in existing pipeline corridors and if the design has progressed sufficiently to give surety of this. ▪ Whether alternative design options for pipelines, if it is not possible to use existing pipeline corridors, have been considered and how this may impact the Order Limits. ▪ The Applicant to explain how the Order Limits have been established where the pipeline corridor is greater than that detailed in the design and Access Statement for construction, which is <i>'typically 17m either side of the pipeline'</i>. ▪ Whether the Applicant has taken sufficient consideration of consultation comments regarding the location of the pipelines, particularly in existing corridors and if any fundamental design issues have been raised during consultation and discussion.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether the need for a new multi-user pipe tunnel/ corridor under the River Tees should be considered as part of the Proposed Development and if not, whether including the proposed single bore pipeline could reduce future pipeline options below the River Tees. ▪ Whether it will be possible to construct pipelines where they are shown to be on the extremity of the Order Limits.
4 (iii)	<p>Timeline for design refinement and how this is secured in the DCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Applicant to give further details of how the detailed design will progress during and after the Examination. ▪ Whether the detailed design process and development is adequately secured in the DCO.
5	Impact of changes and additional submissions
5 (i)	<p>Impact of change Request(s) accepted into the Examination prior to the start of the Examination, if any, and the details thereof</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Change Requests were accepted into the Examination prior to the start of the Examination.
5 (ii)	<p>Impact of any potential Change Request(s) and the details thereof</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether there have been any substantive changes to the design approach within the notified change request and if so, could these potentially lead to further changes.
5 (iii)	<p>Impact of any Additional Submissions accepted into the Examination prior to the PM hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether there have been any substantive changes to the design approach within the Additional Submissions accepted into the Examination following the Planning Inspectorates S51 and S55 advice.
6	Any other business.
7	Action points arising from the Hearing.
8	Close of Issue Specific Hearing 1.