

H2Teesside Project

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The H2 Teesside Order

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 This document, the 'Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports' (Document Ref. 8.12), relates to an application (the 'Application') made by H2 Teesside Limited (the 'Applicant'), to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') for the H2Teesside Project.

1.1.2 The Application has been accepted for examination. The Examination commenced on 29 August 2024.

1.1.3 At Deadline 2 of the Examination (3 October 2024) the Applicant is invited to submit any comments on the Local Impact Reports submitted by the relevant local authorities at Deadline 1.

1.2 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.2.1 The purpose of this document is to provide the Applicant's comments on the matters raised in the Local Impact Reports ('LIRs') submitted into Examination at Deadline 1 of the Examination.

1.2.2 The Applicant has reviewed Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council's ('RCBC's') LIR [REP1-043] and welcomes their recognition that the Proposed Development will provide a number of positives and benefits for the Borough. The Applicant recognises the need for further dialogue with RCBC to agree the exact wording of the DCO requirements and will continue to work with the Council to agree these as part of a Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG'). The Applicant has no further comments to make on RCBC's LIR.

1.2.3 The Applicant has reviewed the LIR submitted by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council ('STBC') [REP1-045]. The Applicant's comments on the one issue in the STBC LIR which it considers requires a response are provided in Section 2.0 of this document.

2.0 COMMENTS ON TO STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL IMPACT REPORT

Table 2.1: Comments on Stockton-on-Tees Local Impact Report

REF.	LOCAL IMPACT REPORT TEXT	APPLICANT’S COMMENTS
Para. 42	<p>Within the Environmental Statement the hours of work go beyond the hours that STBC normally recommend. It is standard practice within Stockton that construction works take place between of 8.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays. (There shall be no construction activity including demolition on Sundays or on Bank Holidays). It is requested that this is reduced in line with other developments which may be taking place within the administrative Borough of Stockton.</p>	<p>Requirement 19 of the draft DCO [AS-013] states that construction work and the delivery or removal of materials, plant and machinery relating to the Proposed Development must not take place on bank holidays nor otherwise outside the hours of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 0700 to 1900 hours on Monday to Friday; and (b) 0700 to 1600 hours on a Saturday. <p>The construction hours included within the draft DCO are required to maintain the construction programme for the Proposed Development and also have the benefit of avoiding any impact from construction workers travelling during peak hours on the Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>Further to the above, it is relevant to note that the approved construction hours within the Net Zero Teesside DCO (Requirement 20) [REP1-009], which also includes works within Stockton-on-Tees in the form of the carbon dioxide gathering network pipelines and Above Ground Installations, including works within the vicinity of the connections corridors for the Proposed Development, allow for work to take place between 0700 to 1900 hours on Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 hours on Saturday.</p> <p>The Applicant’s assessment of the Proposed Development in terms of matters such as noise and vibration (ES Chapter 11) [APP-PDA-007] has not identified the Proposed Development as resulting in effects that</p>

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		<p>would warrant more restrictive construction working hours than the NZT Project.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Applicant is prepared to amend Requirement 19 of the draft DCO so that the construction hours for the Proposed Development on Saturday are 0700 to 1300 hours, consistent with the NZT Project and has done so in the DCO submitted at Deadline 2.</p>