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Date: 24 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 8(3), 9 and 16

Application by H2 Teesside Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the H2Teesside Project

Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable in the light of the Applicant's revised draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection [[REP3-005](#)] received at Deadline 3

We write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to vary the Examination Timetable in relation to the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), following the submission of the Applicant's revised draft itinerary for the ASI [[REP3-005](#)], which was received at Deadline 3 (Monday 21 October 2024). It is clear from the draft itinerary that not all of the locations listed will be able to be visited during daylight hours. It is also noted that other locations, including CF Fertilisers UK Limited (Ltd), Navigator Terminals Ltd and Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Ltd have not been incorporated into the current draft itinerary.

With the above in mind the Examining Authority (ExA) has decided to:

- i. Split the ASI, as currently planned, into two separate days, with the first ASI (ASI1) remaining as being scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2024 and a second ASI (ASI2) being scheduled for the Morning of Friday 15 November 2024. Annex B to this letter provides the itinerary for both ASI1 and ASI2. However, it is important to note that:
 - a. due to the daylight hours available, the start time for ASI1, Tuesday 12 November 2024, has been brought forward from 8.30am to **8.00am**, with the starting point remaining as previously advised in our Rule 13 and 16 letter [[PD-011](#)], dated 15 October 2024 (Wilton Centre Car Park, Redcar, TS10 4RF).

- b. The second ASI, on Friday 15 November 2024, will start from the **Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough. TS1 1JH at 8.00am.**
- ii. Insert a further ASI (ASI3) for Tuesday 17 December 2024 to enable the ExA to visit the sites not included within the Applicant's revised draft itinerary for the ASI [\[REP3-005\]](#), received at Deadline 3 (Monday 21 October 2024). For clarity, those sites not previously included are: CF Fertilisers UK Limited (Ltd); Navigator Terminals Ltd and Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Ltd.
- iii. At Deadline 4 (Wednesday 20 November 2024) insert text "Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI3.", requiring the Applicant to submit a draft itinerary for ASI3.

The variations are set out in **Annex A**, with the above additions in **bold** and underlined. The variation is made in order to enable the ASI1 and ASI2 to take place in daylight hours and to enable the ExA to undertake an ASI (ASI3) to CF Fertilisers UK Limited (Ltd); Navigator Terminals Ltd and Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Ltd.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Butler

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Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)

Varied timetable

9	<p>If required, week reserved for hearings and <u>Accompanied Site Inspection(s)</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing(s). • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s). • Open Floor Hearing(s). • <u>Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) 1 - Tuesday 12 November 2024.</u> • <u>ASI2 - Friday 15 November 2024.</u> 	w/c 11 November 2024
10	<p>Deadline (DL) 4 (DL4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI3.</u> • Written summaries of oral submissions made at any Hearings held during the week commencing 11 November 2024. • Any post-hearing submissions requested by the <u>Examining Authority (ExA)</u>. • Comments on any other submissions received at DL3, including responses to the comments made on any post-<u>Preliminary Meeting (PM)</u> submissions and any comments made on <u>Written Representations (WRs)</u>. • Updated <u>Book of Reference (BoR)</u> and Schedule of Changes to the BoR, in clean and tracked versions (if required). • An updated <u>draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</u> in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required). • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required). • An updated Application Guide (Application Document Tracker) (if required) in clean and tracked versions. • A statement of progress on <u>Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)</u> that remain outstanding and submission of SoCG completed since DL3 (if required). • Statement of Commonality for SoCG (if required). • Updated tracking documents, if required, in regard to any relevant developing/ emerging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>National Policy Statements (NPSs)</u>; - New policy intentions related to critical infrastructure; - <u>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</u>; and 	Wednesday 20 November 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>National Development Management Policies (NDMP)</u>. • Comments/ Responses to the Applicant's Examination Progress Tracker submitted at DL3. • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	
11	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2). 	Thursday 28 November 2024
<u>12</u>	<u>Accompanied Site Inspection 3 (ASI3)</u>	<u>Tuesday 17 December 2024</u>
<u>13</u>	Deadline 5 (DL5) Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 (if required). • Comments on any other submissions received at DL4, including any updated dDCO. • Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR in clean and tracked versions (if required). • Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker (<u>Compulsory Acquisition (CA)/ Temporary Possession (TP) Schedule</u>). • An updated dDCO in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required). • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required). • An updated Application Guide (Application Document Tracker) (if required) in clean and tracked versions. • Update to the Applicant's Examination Progress Tracker submitted at DL3. • A statement of progress on SoCG that remain outstanding and submission of SoCG completed since DL4 (if required). • Statement of Commonality for SoCG (if required). • Updated tracking documents, if required, in regard to any relevant developing/emerging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NPSs; - New policy intentions related to critical infrastructure; - NPPF; and - NDMP. • Notification of wish to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing(s) scheduled for 9 January 2025, 10 January 2025 and week commencing 13 January 2025, if any ISHs are required. • Any further information requested by the ExA. 	Wednesday 18 December 2024

<u>14</u>	<p>If required, dates/ weeks reserved for hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing(s). • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s). • Open Floor Hearing(s). • ASI. 	<p>9 January 2025, 10 January 2025 and week commencing 13 January 2025</p>
<u>15</u>	<p>Deadline 6 (DL6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExQ2 (if required). • Comments on the Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker (CA/ TP Schedule). • Updated tracking documents, if required, in regard to any relevant developing/emerging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NPSs; - New policy intentions related to critical infrastructure; - NPPF; and - NDMP. • Comments/ Responses to the Applicant Examination Progress Tracker submitted at DL5. 	<p>Monday 13 January 2025</p>
<u>16</u>	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required). • Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required). 	<p>Thursday 16 January 2025</p>
<u>17</u>	<p>Deadline 7 (DL7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions at hearings (if required). • Comments on any submissions received at DL5 and DL6. • Comments on the RIES (if required). • Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required). • Finalised SoCGs. • Final Statement of Commonality for SoCG. • Final BoR in clean and tracked versions. • Final Statement of Reasons in clean and tracked versions. • Schedule of Changes to the BoR in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's final update to the Land Rights Tracker (CA/ TP Schedule), together with an agreed position statement on the Lands Rights Tracker, setting out where the Applicant and relevant Interested Parties agree or disagree with the various elements of its content, which 	<p>Thursday 6 February 2025</p>

	<p>is signed by both parties confirming their respective positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Application Guide (Application Document Tracker), in clean and tracked versions. • Final Examination Progress Tracker. • Final update to tracking documents, if required, related to any relevant developing/emerging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NPSs; - New policy intentions related to critical infrastructure; - NPPF; and - NDMP. • Applicant's Final Preferred Development Consent Order (DCO) in the SI template validation report and a validated copy of the DCO. • Applicant's preferred DCO in word format. • Final Schedule of Changes to the dDCO. • Any further information requested by the ExA (if required). 	
<u>18</u>	<p>Deadline 8 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any submissions received at DL7. • Updated LIRs (if required). • Closing submissions. • Any further information requested by the ExA (if required). 	Thursday 20 February 2025
<u>19</u>	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p> <p>Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	Friday 28 February 2025

Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Accompanies Site Inspection (ASI) ITINERARIES

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The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 16

ASI1

Date	Timings	Meeting location
Tuesday 12 November 2024	Start time: 8.00am	Wilton Centre Car Park, Redcar. TS10 4RF

ASI2

Date	Timings	Meeting location
Friday 15 November 2024	Start time: 8.00am	Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough. TS1 1JH

The itineraries for ASI1 and ASI2 can be found below. Please read these carefully. The Examining Authority would ask the Applicant to ensure that copies of the itinerary and any route map, if relevant, are available on the day to assist those present.

Please note that an ASI is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the Examining Authority (ExA) to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the ASI

ASI1 and ASI2 will commence promptly leaving from the meeting locations specified above. Please note the meeting locations for the ASIs differ, with ASI1 on Tuesday 12 November 2024 starting from **Wilton Centre Car Park, Redcar TS10 4RF** and ASI2 on Friday 15 November starting from the **Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough TS1 1JH. Both ASI will start at 8.00am.** All attendees are asked to assemble promptly by the start time as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at that time. Attendees will need to organise their own transport to the ASI, and parts of the ASI will be on foot.

Should any attendees wish to leave the ASI at any stage they will need to make their own travel arrangements from the point they leave the ASI. Attendees should advise the Case Team if they intend to leave the ASI early. For any attendee meeting the ASI at a specific location, they should note timings and locations of the itinerary are approximate and they will be responsible for making their own way to and from that location, as well as locating and joining the ASI. The ExA cannot guarantee any person joining the ASI along the route will be able to join the vehicle being used by the Examining Authority for onward travel, especially if it is already at capacity.

Attendees who wished to join the ASI needed to confirm attendance **by no later than Deadline 2 (Thursday 3 October 2024)**. Should you not have registered by this date and wish to attend the ASI you should contact the Case Team as soon as possible using the contact details at the top of this letter. However, as the Deadline for formal notification has already passed it cannot be guaranteed that you will be able to attend one or more of these ASI.

Please note at some locations walking will be required and suitable clothing and footwear should be worn.

Identification

Attendees will need photo identification (ID), such as a passport or photo ID drivers licence, with them to gain access to some of the locations on the ASIs (for example Photo ID will be required to gain access to the Wilton International site). If you do not have acceptable photo ID, attendance for that part of the ASI will not be possible.

Health and safety

The Applicant has advised that any person attending the ASIs will need to complete online safety inductions. The Applicant will provide the necessary links to these online safety inductions to the Planning Inspectorate who will forward the links, via e-mail, to attendees who have registered to attend, closer to the date of the ASIs. Please note that failure to complete the Online Safety Induction is likely to mean you will be unable to join the ASIs.

The Applicant will provide a health and safety briefing, if required, at the start of each ASI and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be required. The Applicant advises the following minimum PPE will be required to attend the ASI:

- Safety helmet.
- Safety glasses / over glasses / safety prescription spectacles.
- Anti-static safety boots.
- Anti-static flameproof overalls.
- Safety gloves.

If you do not have the appropriate PPE, or the Applicant is unable to provide that PPE, attendance for that part of the ASI will not be possible.

Mobile Phones/ Electronic Devices

For ASI1 all electronic devices should be stored safely in vehicles or at lockers at the Wilton Centre. A similar requirement regarding electronic devices may be needed in relation to ASI2, However, we cannot advise on the availability of storage locations at the North Tees SABIC site. As such you will need to ensure you have stored any electronic devices safely in your vehicle or another secure location. Irrespective of the above, the ExA would urge Interested Parties not to bring such devices to the ASIs and would advise the Planning Inspectorate does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to such devices or their storage locations.

Transport arrangements

The Applicant is providing transportation for those attending the ASI from the starting location. However, some walking will be necessary. For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport provided by the Applicant may be limited.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the ASI.

Refreshments

Please note refreshments will not be provided. We will stop for lunch on ASI1 (Tuesday 12 November 2024); however, all attendees are expected to provide or purchase their own lunch.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled, we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#) of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website for any updates. We would also encourage attendees to sign up for [email updates](#) on the project webpage.

Contact details

The Case Team can be reached on the day of the ASI on 0303 444 5000. To ensure the smooth running of the ASI, attendees should provide contact details for the day; notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance; and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

ASI1 - Tuesday 12 November 2024 - ITINERARY

ASI1 will start promptly at 8:00am, as indicated above, and we will endeavour to follow the timings as closely as possible, external factors such as weather and traffic may slightly affect these timings. The ExA will close ASI1 as soon as reasonably practical on arrival back at the starting location (Wilton Centre Car Park) at around 15:25, or sooner if all relevant sites have been covered.

No.	Location/Itinerary Item	Timing
1	Meeting point at Wilton Centre Car Park.	08:00
2	Change into PPE.	08:00 – 08:15
3	Safety briefing.	08:15 – 08:30

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4	Drive to Visitor Induction Centre and collect passes.	08:30 – 09:00
5	Drive to Wilton International SABIC Site.	09:00 – 09:05
6	Wilton International SABIC Site to see how the Order Limits interact with SABIC activities.	09:05 – 09:35
7	Drive to Wilton International Construction Compound.	09:35 – 09:40
8	Wilton International Proposed Construction Compound location.	09:40 – 10:00
9	Drive to Wilton International eastern perimeter.	10:00 – 10:05
10	Comfort break at Anglo American office.	10:05 – 10:15
11	Walk along Wilton International eastern perimeter construction laydown area to see interactions with Anglo American Overland Conveyor.	10:15 – 10:35
12	Drive to Bran Sands Corridor.	10:35 – 10:40
13	Walk along Bran Sands Corridor to see how the Order Limits interact with Anglo American Overland Conveyor.	10:40 – 11:10
14	Walk along Dabholm Gut corridor section of the Linkline Corridor towards River Crossing Location.	11:10 – 11:40
15	River Crossing Location.	11:40 – 12:00
16	Drive to Wilton Centre.	12:00 – 12:15
17	Lunch at Wilton Centre.	12:15 – 13:00
18	Drive to Main Site.	13:00 – 13:20
19	Main Site.	13:20 – 13:50
20	Drive to Redcar Bulk Terminal Quayside.	13:50 – 13:55
21	Redcar Bulk Terminal Quayside.	13:55 – 14:15
22	Drive to South Gare Breakwater.	14:15 – 14:30
23	South Gare Breakwater.	14:30 – 14:45
24	Drive to Wilton Centre Car Park.	14:45 – 15:10
25	Change out of PPE.	15:10 – 15:25
26	Close.	15:25

ASI2 - Friday 15 November 2024 - ITINERARY

ASI2 will start promptly at 8:00am, as indicated above, and we will endeavour to follow the timings as closely as possible, external factors such as weather and traffic may slightly affect these timings. The ExA will close ASI2 as soon as reasonably practical on arrival back at the starting location (Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough. TS1 1JH) at around 11:15, or sooner if all relevant sites have been covered.

No.	Location/Itinerary Item	Timing
1	Outside the Reception of the Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough. TS1 1JH.	08:00
2	Change into PPE.	08:00 – 08:15
3	Safety briefing.	08:15 – 08:30
4	Drive to North Tees SABIC Site and collect passes, if required.	08:30 – 09:00
5	North Tees SABIC Site to see how the Order Limits interact with SABIC activities.	09:00 – 09:30
6	Drive to North Tees Brine Fields and Reservoirs.	09:30 – 09:40
7	North Tees Brine Fields and Reservoirs to see how the Order Limits interact with SABIC activities.	09:40 – 10:25
8	Drive to Leonardo Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesbrough. TS1 1JH.	10:25 – 11:00
9	Change out of PPE.	11:00 – 11:15
10	Close.	11:15
