

H2Teesside Project

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality (Document Ref. 9.14) 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 which commenced on 29 August 2024.

1.1.3 The Examining Authority's ('ExA') Rule 8 letter (Annex A, page A2 and Annex B, page B3) dated 30 August 2024 confirms that the Applicant should prepare a Statement of Commonality ('SoC') for the Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') being prepared by the Applicant with Interested Parties and submit a first draft of this at Deadline 1 (17 September) of the Examination. The SoC should be updated for the subsequent examination deadlines.

1.2 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.2.1 The purpose of the SoC is to provide the ExA with the current position on the SoCG between the Applicant and Interested Parties throughout the Examination.

1.2.2 The SoC structured as follows:

- Section 2 – lists the SoCG parties and the status of each SoCG.
- Section 3 – identifies the main topics covered by the SoCG and where there is commonality in the topics between the SoCG parties.

2.0 LIST OF SOCG PARTIES AND THE STATUS OF SOCG

2.1.1 The Applicant has prepared initial draft SoCG with a number of Interested Parties. These SoCG will be developed further during the Examination.

2.1.2 Each SoCG sets out the matters relevant to the parties and whether these matters are agreed, still under discussion or not agreed, in addition to any remaining actions.

2.1.3 **Table 2.1** below lists the SoCG parties and provides information on the current status of the SoCG. The status categories for SoCG that will be used through the Examination are as follows:

- **Initial** – the SoCG has been issued to the relevant party, though no comments have been received in response yet.
- **Draft** – comments have been received from the relevant party, but there are still matters to resolve before the document can be agreed and finalised.
- **Final** – the SoCG has been reviewed and agreed between the parties but it not signed.
- **Signed** – the SoCG has been signed by both parties.

Table 2.1: List of SoCG and Status

DOCUMENT REF.	SOCG PARTY	CURRENT SOCG STATUS
9.1	Durham County Council ('DCC')	Signed
9.2	Environment Agency ('EA')	Draft
9.3	Hartlepool Borough Council ('HBC')	Initial (proposed not to progress)
9.4	Health and Safety Executive ('HSE')	Initial
9.5	Marine Management Organisation ('MMO')	Initial
9.6	National Highways (including Historical Railway Estate) ('NH')	Initial
9.7	Natural England ('NE')	Initial
9.8	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council ('RCBC')	Final
9.9	South Tees Group (including the South Tees Development Corporation, South Tees Developments Ltd and Teesworks Ltd.) ('STG')	Draft
9.10	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council ('STBC')	Draft
9.11	Tees Valley Combined Authority ('TVCA')	Draft (proposed not to progress)

DOCUMENT REF.	SOCG PARTY	CURRENT SOCG STATUS
9.12	UK Health Security Agency ('UKHSA')	Draft
9.13	Anglo American ('AA')	Draft

3.0 COMMONALITY

3.1.1 This section provides a summary of the main topics covered by the SoCG and identifies where there is commonality in the topics between the SoCG parties.

3.1.2 **Table 3.1** below is structured so as to show the main topics covered within each of the SoCG (identifying where there is commonality in topics between the SoCG parties) and the current status with regard to each topic. The status is based on a Red, Amber, Green ('RAG') rating as follows:

	Currently subject to disagreement
	Subject to further/on-going discussion
	Agreed

3.1.3 Where a matter is not relevant to a party, it has been left unshaded with a 'x' in Table 3.1.

