

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify the Examining Authority that Natara Global Limited wishes to actively participate in the Compulsory Purchase Hearing on 13 January 2025.

Natara Global Limited runs a manufacturing, storage and distribution facility for natural extracts and resins and synthetic aromachemicals. The Property is on the south side of Belasis Avenue, Billingham. Powers are sought by the Applicant for temporary possession, which will result in the occupation of Natara's main operational yard area (plots 2/12, 2/16 and 2/17 on the Land Plans); and powers for the permanent acquisition of new rights, which include over Natara's main site access (plots 2/13, 2/15 and 2/23).

Our client does not object to the application in principle but maintains a holding objection due to its concern that the unfettered exercise of the powers sought over the Property, if granted, would conflict with its operations to an extent that could render the site inoperable for the period it is required for the H2T construction period, currently estimated at 7 weeks. This would result in serious supply chain and financial consequence for the business.

Our client is willing to enter into a contractual agreement for the temporary and permanent land rights the Applicant needs for the project. We are yet to receive a revised draft set of Heads of Terms for such an agreement which address our client's key concerns and requirements. We have also requested that protective provisions be included on the face of the DCO. Draft protective provisions have been received but these did not address our client's key concerns or requirements. We have given feedback and await updated draft protective provisions and revised Heads of Terms.