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Dear Ms Robbins,

## THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

### APPLICATION BY H2 TEESSIDE LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

#### EXAMINATION TIMETABLE DEADLINE 5 – 18 DECEMBER 2024

I write on behalf of the Applicant, H2 Teesside Limited, to provide its Deadline 5 submissions in respect of the Examination of the H2Teesside Project.

The Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions can be downloaded using the link to the secure file share site below:

<https://dwd.ctit.co/url/7nzdbhiecwrksrwu>

The Deadline 5 submissions comprise the following documents:

1. Document Ref. 1.2 – Application Guide – this has been updated for Deadline 5. The new and updated documents being submitted for Deadline 5 are highlighted yellow within the document.
2. Document Ref. 3.1 – Book of Reference (clean and tracked versions).
3. Document Ref. 3.1a – Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (clean and tracked versions).
4. Document Ref. 4.1 - Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions).
5. Document Ref. 4.1a – Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order.
6. Document Ref. 5.7 – Other Consents and Licences Statement (clean and tracked versions).
7. Document Ref. 5.10A – Report to Inform Habitats Regulations Assessment (CONFIDENTIAL) (clean and tracked versions)
8. Document Ref. 5.10 – Report to Inform Habitats Regulations Assessment (REDACTED) (clean and tracked versions)
9. Document Ref 5.12 – Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean and tracked versions).



10. Document Ref. 6.3.83 – Figure 15-2: HGV Routes to and from the Proposed Development Site.
11. Document Ref. 6.3.85 – Figure 15-4: Traffic Routes.
12. Document Ref. 6.4.9 – Appendix 9A: Flood Risk Assessment (clean and tracked versions).
13. Document Ref. 8.3 – Land Rights Tracker.
14. Document Ref. 8.3a – Supplementary Land Rights Tracker.
15. Document Ref. 8.7 – Examination Progress Tracker
16. Document Ref. 8.24 – Deadline 5 Cover Letter (i.e. this letter).
17. Document Ref. 8.25.1 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.1 General and Cross Topic (including appendices in responses to ExQ2.1.4, 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 2.1.10 and 2.1.11).
18. Document Ref. 8.25.2 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.2 Assessment of Alternative.
19. Document Ref. 8.25.3 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.3 Air Quality and Emissions.
20. Document Ref. 8.25.4 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.4 HRA and Ecology.
21. Document Ref. 8.25.5 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.5 Climate Change.
22. Document Ref. 8.25.6 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.6 Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession.
23. Document Ref. 8.25.7 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.9 Draft Development Consent Order.
24. Document Ref. 8.25.8 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.10 Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination (including an appendix in response ExQ2.10.1).
25. Document Ref. 8.25.9 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.11 Landscape, Visual Amenity and Design.
26. Document Ref. 8.25.10 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.14 Socio-economics and Land use.
27. Document Ref. 8.25.11 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.15 Surface Water, Flood Risk and Water Resources.
28. Document Ref. 8.25.12 – Applicant's response to ExQ2.17 Traffic and Transportation.

Please note that ExQ2.12 Material and Waste Management has not been responded to as it is not relevant for the Applicant. We note the ExA has no further questions relating to ExQ2.7 (Cultural Heritage), ExQ2.8 (Cumulative and Combined Effects), ExQ2.13 (Noise and Vibration) and ExQ16 (Needs Case etc.).

29. Document Ref. 8.26 – Applicant's Response to Deadline 4 Submissions and Compulsory Acquisition Regulations Relevant Representations.
30. Document Ref. 8.27 – Update on Negotiations. This document has been produced to enable the ExA to have a quick reference guide to the latest position on negotiations with Affected Persons and Statutory Undertakers, by pointing to the specific rows within the Land Rights Tracker that these updates can be found for each party.
31. Document Ref. 9.2 – Updated draft SoCG with the Environment Agency.
32. Document Ref. 9.3 – Updated draft SoCG with Hartlepool Borough Council. The Applicant has now received a response, and an updated version is provided.
33. Document Ref. 9.5 – Updated draft SoCG with the Marine Management Organisation.
34. Document Ref. 9.7 – Updated draft SoCG with Natural England.
35. Document Ref. 9.8 – Final signed SoCG with Redcar and Cleveland Borough SoCG.

36. Document Ref. 9.10 – Updated draft SoCG Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.
37. Document Ref. 9.14 – Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG. This is an updated draft to reflect the progress on the agreement of SoCGs. The Applicant will continue to progress the SoCG documents with other parties and will update the ExA in future deadlines.

An updated suite of Cumulative and Combined Effects Assessment documents has been provided. It includes the following updated/new documents:

38. Document Ref. 6.2.23 – Chapter 23: Cumulative and Combined Effects (clean and tracked)
39. Document Ref. 6.3.101 – Figure 23-1: Zones of Influence for Cumulative Effects Assessment
40. Document Ref. 6.3.102 – Figure 23-2: Long List of Other Developments.
41. Document Ref. 6.3.103 – Figure 23-3: Short List of Other Developments
42. Document Ref. 6.4.37 – Appendix 23A: Other developments within the search area (clean and tracked)
43. Document Ref. 6.4.38 – Appendix 23B: Assessment of Cumulative Effects – Stages 1-2 (clean and tracked).
44. Document Ref. 6.4.39 – Appendix 23C: Shortlist of other developments within the Search Area (clean and tracked).
45. Document Ref. 6.4.40 – Appendix 23D: Stage 4 - Assessment of Cumulative and Combined Effects (clean and tracked).
46. Document Ref. 6.4.41 –Appendix 23E: Socio-economic Cumulative Assessment (clean and tracked).
47. Document Ref. 6.4.42 – Technical Note: Updates to Air Quality and Traffic Cumulative Assessments.

The aforementioned has been updated to make correction and clarifications contained in the Errata Report [PDA-021], to consider changes to the status of planning applications for Other Developments and account for Other Developments that have been identified between the initial assessment cut-off of 1 November 2023 and the updated cut-off of 18 September 2024, to consider and assess changes to the Proposed Development identified in the Change Application Report [CR1-044] and in response to points made in Examination submissions and Written Questions (WQ) [REP2-026].

### **Other Matters**

The National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF') was updated on 12 December 2024. The Applicant notes that the NPPF is not the primary policy basis for decisions by the Secretary of State ('SoS') on applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('NSIPs'), although it can be important and relevant to the SoS's decision-making. Many of the changes within the updated NPPF relate to housing, housing delivery and the Green Belt and are not therefore relevant to the Proposed Development. The changes made in respect of infrastructure delivery, low carbon development and climate change adaptation provide additional policy support for projects such as H2Teesside, but the Applicant does not consider that these changes materially alter the assessment of the Proposed Development against relevant policy (primarily the National Policy Statements for Energy) as set out in the Planning Statement [APP-031] or the Planning Policy Assessment Tables [APP-032]. In view of this, the Applicant would again respectfully suggest that an NPPF Policy Tracker is not required. The

Applicant will continue to monitor changes to relevant policy during the Examination and will submit policy trackers as required.

The Applicant confirms that it wishes to speak at all of the hearings scheduled for the week commencing 13 January 2025.

Finally, further to the ExA's letter dated 10 September 2024 [PD-010], the Applicant wishes to confirm that no Artificial Intelligence ('AI') was used to create or alter any part of its documents, information or data, submitted for Deadline 5 of the Examination.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying documents. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]) or [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]).

Yours sincerely,

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