

H2Teesside Project

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The H2 Teesside Order

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 This document has been prepared on behalf of H2 Teesside Limited (the 'Applicant'). It relates to an application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO'), that was submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ('DESNZ') on 25 March 2024, under Section 37 of 'The Planning Act 2008' (the 'PA 2008') in respect of the H2Teesside Project (the 'Proposed Development').

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

1.2 The Purpose and Structure of this document

1.2.1 The purpose of this document is to set out the Applicant's responses to the Examining Authority's ExQ2.11 on Landscape, Visual Amenity and Design, which were issued on 28 November 2024 [PD-015]. This document contains a table which includes the reference number for each relevant question, the ExA's comments and questions and the Applicant's responses to each of those questions.

Table 1-1: Applicant’s Responses to ExQ2.11 Landscape, Visual Amenity and Design

EXQ2	QUESTION TO:	QUESTION:	RESPONSE
Q2.11.1	Applicant	<p>The ExA notes the Applicant’s response to its ExQ1 concerning ‘Landscape, Visual Amenity and Design’ set out in [REP2-029], especially the response to Q1.11.10 concerning the removal/ clearance within the main site and connection corridors during the construction of the Proposed Development. It is noted that the Applicant states that a minor (not significant) effect has been identified with the heritage assessment related to the removal of two small sections of important hedgerows within the Cowpen Bewley Conservation Area, where it is proposed to temporarily remove these hedgerows to construct the hydrogen pipeline, with them being reinstated post construction. Can the Applicant signpost the ExA to the mechanism within the dDCO [REP4-004] that will govern the removal and ensure the reinstatement post construction?</p>	<p>The Applicant directs the ExA to Table 7-10 of the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (fCEMP), where the removal and reinstatement of Important Hedgerows is secured. For the removal of doubt, the Applicant has amended the fCEMP at Deadline 5 to match this specific commitment regarding the Important Hedgerows at Cowpen Bewley. In addition, it is noted that the Applicant has also generally committed to restoring hedgerows where feasible in paragraph 4.5.1 of the Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan (Outline LBMP).</p>