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The Planning Inspectorate
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By email

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Reference: [Registration identification number: 20051120]

Dear Sirs,

Re: H2Teesside – ongoing consultation and Examination Timetable

I have, in the last 14 days, received a number of emails, plans by land mail and held various conversations with personnel involved in disparate roles in the H2Teesside process.

All of which has been very illuminating and helpful. Thank you.

It is my understanding, as of today's date, that the building leased to the Mission to Seafarers is not subject to CA, although this may change.

What is evident is that the building is on the main thoroughfare - Seal Sands Road – where work, of an unspecified duration, is necessary for the effective delivery of the project.

Neither is it evident, the temporary or permanent nature of the impact that H2Teesside will have on the Seafarer Centre.

It is fair to say that road access to the Seafarer Centre is only via Seal Sands Road. The Mission to Seafarers have purchased, insure, tax and maintain a vehicle for the sole purpose of transporting Seafarers to and from their ships to this Centre.

It is of paramount importance that there is no temporary or permanent restriction of access to the Seafarer Centre from Seal Sands Road.

To put this into context from January until November 2024, 1,704 seafarers attended the Centre in Seal Sands Road. At an average of 155 per month this will increase to 1,859 for the full year effect.

To include transportation of seafarers and ship visiting, which are activities that emanate from the same Centre, there are over 5,000 seafarer benefits per year from this building.

The Centre is used for the purpose of affording Seafarers rest and relaxation when they are given shore leave, which is a legal requirement; and it would be not be beholden on H2Teesside to prevent this happening.

It would be helpful for the process, certainly for me, unless I have missed it, for timescales to be included for this project. That is, the number of years disruption can be expected for, if time limited, or indeed, if it will never end, or only get worse.

Notwithstanding any Notice that may be served in the future, The Mission to Seafarers would seek and value a conversation with H2Teesside before written communications begin on any aspect of road closure or restricted access.

Yours sincerely,



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