

Baker Rose Consulting LLP ("BRC") represents Natara Global Limited ("Natara") (Interested Party Reference Number 20049369.) We are instructed by Natara to advise them in relation to the proposed application by H2 Teesside Limited (the "Applicant") for an order granting Development Consent for the H2 Teesside Hydrogen Project (the "Application"). BRC submitted Written Representations on 3rd October 2024 on behalf of Natara in relation to the Application. BRC also attended and participated at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 13 November 2024 (the "CAH1"). Natara's position remains as described in the previous Written Representations and as reserved in the representations made at the CAH1. Natara continues to have no objection to the Application in principle, provided that appropriate protective provisions are inserted on the face of the Order or a side agreement is agreed and entered into. Natara has made it clear that it is willing to enter into a contractual agreement to grant the temporary and permanent rights over its Property which H2T needs to construct and operate the Project provided appropriate terms can be agreed.

With Natara's appointed solicitors FieldFisher ("FF") we reviewed the draft contract heads of terms issued by the Applicant on 11th November 2024 and draft protective provisions issued by the Applicant on 8th November 2024 shortly before CAH1. We wrote to the Applicant on 4th December 2024 to state that our client wished to see a draft agreement covering the land rights and protective provisions. We wrote again on 11th December 2024 to reserve our client's position on the request for an agreement and to request updates to the draft HoT and protective provisions issued by the Applicant to include the key terms acceptable to Natara which still had not been addressed in the draft documentation issued by the Applicant up to that point.

Subsequently discussions were had with the Applicant, including a meeting on 18th December 2024 which resulted in some progress being made in addressing our client's concerns regarding the adequacy of the documents. For expediency and to progress negotiations on the necessary agreements beyond heads of terms, FF drafted a suite of agreements which incorporated the contractual terms and protective provisions acceptable to Natara, and submitted these to the Applicant on the 20th December 2024.

At a further meeting on 8th January 2024 we were informed that the Applicant would provide comments on the FF suite of draft documents by the end of the w/c 6th January 2024. The Applicant's representative had previously responded on the 7th January 2024 focusing only on the superceded HoT, ignoring the suite of draft agreements.

As of the date of these written representations we have not had any substantive response from the Applicant on these documents and as such it remains the case that no appropriate protective provisions have been agreed. To the extent that no protective provisions are agreed between the parties, Natara will need to ask the Inspectorate to amend the Order to include protective provisions drafted by FF on behalf of Natara in order to adequately safeguard its business and operations.