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[Appendix 2 Teesmouth Cleveland Coast SPA-Ramsar Evidence Pack.pdf](#)  
[Appendix 3 TIN190 Edition 3 Lindisfarne SPA and Ramsar - Evidence Pack June 2024 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)  
[EN070009 - NE Comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites \(RIES\) in respect of the H2 Project - NE Ref ID20049401.pdf](#)

Good afternoon H2 Teesside Team,

Please find attached our response to the questions posed in the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES), issued 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We additionally append two evidence packs, as referenced within our response.

Additionally, we can confirm that following review of the submitted evidence, and through continued engagement with the Applicant, we agree that the following matters can be considered agreed:

<b>Natural England representation reference</b>	<b>Subject of matter agreed</b>
NE1	Direct Loss of SPA habitat – ‘Risk of HDD Collapse/Leakage of Drilling Fluid to SPA Sites’
NE4	Noise disturbance during Construction and operation on qualifying SPA / Ramsar bird species. Use of IECS toolkit
NE8	Loss of sightlines for SPA birds - Blast Furnace Pool
NE9	Air quality emissions - Use of management plans to mitigate impacts – Dust – ‘Construction dust assessment and monitoring’
NE12	Air quality emissions - Scope of pollutants considered in the assessment - Sources of operational pollutants
NE11	‘Air quality - Scope of pollutants considered in the Assessment – ‘Air quality emissions’
NE13	Clarification of parameters in the Rochdale Envelope – ‘Stack height determination’
NE16	Use of management plans to mitigate impacts – ‘Construction Dust Assessment and Monitoring’
NE20	Water quality - Nutrient Neutrality Assessment – ‘Water Quality and Nutrient Neutrality’

NE21	Water Quality Environmental Impact Assessment evidence base
NE22	Water Quality Surface water run off impacts
NE23	Water Quality Discharged Effluent
NE24	Air quality Impact of acid deposition
NE25	Durham Coast SAC, Northumbria Coast Ramsar Site - Air quality - Impact of Nitrogen deposition on qualifying Species
NE26	Marine Mammals – Seals
NE27	River Tweed SAC and Tweed Estuary SAC Impact on Atlantic Salmon and Sea Lamprey
NE32	Bats - Survey effort
NE33	Water vole – Survey effort
NE35	Best and Most Versatile Land
NE36	Other Valuable and Sensitive Habitats, Species, Landscapes, and Access Routes - King Charles III England Coast Path

In reference to NE31 (AQ SSSI Impacts) we confirm that we received the Applicant's 'Report to Inform Assessment of Air Quality Impacts on Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI' on Friday January 31st. We are currently reviewing this document and will provide a response on, or before the next deadline. For all other matters we look forward to our continued engagement with the Applicant and will provide and update on, or before, Deadline 8.

Please contact case officer Antony Muller ( [REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk) should you have any queries regarding this submission.

Kind regards,  
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