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By email

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Reference: [Registration identification number: 20051120]

Dear Sirs,

**Re: H2Teesside – ongoing consultation and Examination Timetable**

In accordance with the ongoing consultation, there is a latest deadline of 17 February 2025, to which the Mission to Seafarers have been asked to respond, in relation to oral assurances given in the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) on Monday 13 January 2025; which have subsequently been written into table 8.8 of the CEMP 2025.

*Document Reference: 5.12: Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) Feb 2025*

In the consultation response letter from the Mission to Seafarers dated 17 December 2024, the main concern expressed was over the likely duration of the works and how temporary or permanent they may be, particularly with regards to the Seafarer Centre in Seal Sands Road and entry and egress to and from the Centre; by either the construction works themselves, or increased volumes of construction traffic.

It looks as though from *Table 3-1: Indicative Construction Programme for the Proposed Development* from the CEMP 2025 that development/construction will take a minimum of 5 years; the last entry being “Phase 2 Operation Commences” in Q4 2030 – **“Commences...”**?

It is endemic in the UK that infrastructure projects always over run [and are over budget]. This may not become the case here, but the Mission to Seafarers would like to have a better indication of the timescales of disruption and when it is likely to occur within the specified 5 year period at the aforementioned table 3.1 and /or indeed if they can expect it to be even longer.

Is the Applicant in a position to advise of the proposed duration of Phase 2?

It is also written into the CEMP Feb 2025 at 5.1.2 [page 2]:  
“Final versions of the CWTP and CTMP will be produced in accordance with the frameworks, secured via Requirements of the Draft DCO [REP6a-007]”.

so it may be pre-emptory for a definitive response now.

It was evident throughout the virtual hearings held between 13-15 January 2025 that there was confusion [can I say, disagreement?], in some instances, between respective parties as to what had actually, and physically, been communicated to one another.

The avoidance of doubt is always very helpful.

In the consultation response letter from the Mission to Seafarers dated 17 December 2024 a conversation was suggested with the Applicant 'before written communications begin on any aspect of road closure or restricted access'

Whilst this point has been addressed, in part, with a commitment of the Applicant to advance notifications, which is appreciated; it omits the conversation and it does not go far enough at this stage; as other concerns remain unanswered.

The objection remains.

Yours sincerely,

  
  
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