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Dear Ms Robbins,

THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

APPLICATION BY H2 TEESSIDE LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE DEADLINE 7A – 17 FEBRUARY 2025

I write on behalf of the Applicant, H2 Teesside Limited, to provide its Deadline 7A submissions in respect of the Examination of the H2Teesside Project.

The Applicant's Deadline 7A submissions can be downloaded using the link to the secure file share site below:

<https://dwd.ctit.co/url/seaepbuepfyqfge6>

The Deadline 7A submissions comprise the following documents:

1. Document Ref. 1.2 – Application Guide – this has been updated for Deadline 7A. The new and updated documents being submitted for Deadline 7A are highlighted yellow within the document.
2. Document Ref. 4.1 – Final Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions).
3. Document Ref. 4.1a – Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order.
4. Document Ref. 4.1b – Without Prejudice: Development Consent Order (without Cowpen Bewley Spur) (clean and tracked versions). Please note that the relevant certified documents that would be required in a without Cowpen Bewley Spur scenario, will be submitted at Deadline 8.
5. Document Ref. 4.2 – Explanatory Memorandum (clean and tracked versions) relating to the Final Draft Development Consent Order.
6. Document Ref. 4.3 – Statutory Instrument Validation Statement.
7. Document Ref. 5.12 – Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (clean and tracked versions).



8. Document Ref. 8.3 – Land Rights Tracker which incorporates updates for all parties, including those who were in the previously submitted ‘Supplementary Land Rights Tracker’.
9. Document Ref. 8.7 – Examination Progress Tracker.
10. Document Ref. 8.42 – Deadline 7A Cover Letter (this letter).
11. Document Ref. 8.43 – Saltholme Interaction Report. This item includes the information requested under the first item of the ExA’s 11 February Rule 17 Letter.
12. Document Refs. 8.44.1 to 8.44.23 – Protective Provisions Position Statements. The Applicant’s approach to these is explained in Document Ref. 8.46.
13. Document Ref. 8.45 – Environmental Position Statement. This document provides a position statement on discussions with Natural England and the Environment Agency.
14. Document Ref. 8.46 – Applicant’s Responses to Questions in the Rule 17 Letters dated 10 and 11 February 2025.
15. Document Ref. 8.47 – NZT/NEP/H2T Shared Area Plan.
16. Document Ref 8.48 – Further to the ExA’s Questions 1.15.1 and 2.15.1, the Applicant has continued discussions with Northumbrian Water Limited (NWL) to confirm the position on water supply. Following these discussions, Document Ref. 8.48 is a letter received from NWL indicating current capacity to provide the water required for the Proposed Development.
17. Document Ref. 9.3 – Final SoCG with Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC). This version has been agreed by HBC, and is anticipated it can be signed by HBC for Deadline 8.
18. Document Ref 9.4 – Signed SoCG with the Health and Safety Executive.
19. Document Ref. 9.6 – Signed SoCG with National Highways.
20. Document Ref. 9.7 – Updated draft SoCG with Natural England. This SoCG reflects the good progress made with Natural England following a meeting on 17 February and as reported in the Environmental Position Statement. The Applicant is working to provide answers to final queries from Natural England that will enable a final SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 8.
21. Document Ref 9.9 – Final SoCG with South Tees Group (STG). Although this is not signed, both parties agree that this is the final SoCG between the parties. The Applicant understands that STG will also be confirming this in their Deadline 7A submissions.
22. Document Ref. 9.10 – Updated draft SoCG with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (STBC). The Applicant has issued an updated draft SoCG to STBC and it is anticipated a final SoCG can be submitted for Deadline 8.
23. Document Ref. 9.11 – Updated draft SoCG with Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA). Comments have been received from the TVCA and the Applicant has issued an updated SoCG to TVCA and it is anticipated a final SoCG can be submitted for Deadline 8.
24. Document Ref. 9.14 – Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG. This is an updated draft to reflect the progress on the agreement of SoCGs.

Further to the ExA’s Rule 17 requests, the Applicant would also advise of the following:

- a. The Applicant and Anglo American are in intensive discussions to close out the matters to be resolved between them. As such, an updated SoCG is not being submitted at Deadline 7A, but the parties are working toward providing this at Deadline 8.

- b. The SoCG with the Environment Agency (EA) is nearing conclusion, and the parties are seeking to reach an agreed position on the Protective Provisions, with the EA's comments awaited. It is anticipated that a final SoCG can be submitted at Deadline 8.
- c. An updated Book of Reference is not being submitted at Deadline 7A, as no changes need to be made to the version submitted at Deadline 7. However, an updated Book of Reference will be submitted at Deadline 8 to deal with the (without prejudice) 'without Cowpen Bewley Spur' scenario.
- d. There have been no updates to policy to necessitate submission of a tracker for the NPSs, NPPF or NDMP.
- e. The submitted Environmental Position Statement and Protective Provisions Position Statements constitute the Applicant's responses to Deadline 7 submissions.
- f. The Applicant does not intend to submit a 'closing submissions' document at Deadline 8. It will, however, where necessary, provide updates on the matters discussed in the Environmental Position Statement and the Protective Provisions Position Statements submitted at Deadline 7A.
- g. The Applicant intends to make submissions at Deadline 8 in respect of STG's concerns in relation to HSE consultation zones.
- h. Further to Action Point ISH3-AP7, the Applicant can update as follows in relation to its proposals for voluntary biodiversity enhancements:

The Applicant is continuing to investigate available biodiversity enhancement opportunities across Teesside. To help select the biodiversity enhancement opportunities to take forward a tool has been developed to rank potential opportunities. Criteria used by the tool include, but are not limited to: the area of the opportunity in Ha; the location with respect to relevant Local Planning Authority's (LPAs) or National Character Area's (NCAs); the distance from designated sites (e.g. the SPA and Ramsar); benefits the opportunity could bring to specific species of interest; habitat types that are available (or could be created) within the area; and alignment with local targets (e.g. Local Nature Recovery Strategy or other local plans). The Applicant has screened a large number of potential opportunities down to a smaller number using the tool and has been in further contact with the following organisations to obtain additional information to complete the selection: Tees Rivers Trust, Teesside Environmental Trust, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust and the Hospital of God at Greatham. The Applicant will look to select biodiversity enhancement partners and develop agreements with these organisations, but this will not be completed until after the end of the Examination and will align with Final Investment Decision (FID) for the Proposed Development.

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Further to the ExA's letter dated 10 September 2024 [PD-010], the Applicant wishes to confirm that no Artificial Intelligence (AI) was used to create or alter any part of its documents, information or data, submitted for Deadline 7A of the Examination.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying documents. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]), ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]) or ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk [REDACTED]).

Yours sincerely,



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