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Dear Sir/Madam

I attach a representation and responses to the Examining Authority's First Round of Written Questions from North Yorkshire County Council in relation to the above application.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)**

**TR030002: Application by York Potash Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the York Potash Harbour Facilities**

**Written Representation and response to the Examining Authority's First Round of Questions**

North Yorkshire County Council welcomes the economic and other benefits offered for the local, sub-regional and national economy of the wider York Potash mining project of which the proposed Harbour Facilities, which are the subject of this NSIP application, forms part.

The County Council has previously expressed a particular interest in relation to the transport, economic, employment and training benefits that the minehead and transport system application (which the North York Moors National Park has resolved to approve) would bring to North Yorkshire and consider that similar benefits could be brought to North Yorkshire as a result of this Application.

Response to First Round of Questions

In response to the Examining Authority's First Round of Written Questions, please find below the comments of the North Yorkshire County Council, in its capacity as Local Highway Authority.

***TT 1.1 – Has the methodology for the assessment of transport and infrastructure been agreed with the Local Highways and Planning Authorities and Highways England (formerly Highways Agency)?***

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NYCC has not been directly consulted by the Applicant on the methodology for the assessment of transport and infrastructure in relation to this application. Whilst it is not anticipated that there would be any significant highways issues (subject to there being no export of product by road) NYCC would, however, welcome discussions directly with the Applicant on this issue in order to be able to identify whether there are any pertinent highway impacts within North Yorkshire as a result of this application. It is important that any assessment considers the cumulative impact of the traffic associated with the Mine and Mineral Transfer Conveyor for which the North York Moors National Park have resolved to grant planning permission.

NYCC would have concerns, however, should there be any change to the planned scheme which would result in Potash being exported from the Mineral Transfer Facility by rail which would have the potential to impact upon freight movements on level crossing closures in Northallerton, subsequently causing an impact on the town's local highway network.

***TT 1.2 – Are the conclusions of the Transport Assessment accepted by all relevant Highway authorities? In particular is the absence of significant cumulative effects during the construction phases for the port and wider project accepted.***

NYCC would welcome the opportunity to review the Transport Assessment and discuss this with the Applicant.

**TT 1.3 – Are all relevant Highway Authorities satisfied that the cumulative impact of lorry movements on national and local roads has been assessed in a worst case scenario should the phasing of different aspects of the overall scheme change so that more constructions is taking pace simultaneously?**

NYCC does not have sufficient information to be able to comment at the current time. NYCC could foresee a possible impact on the A171, but would welcome an indication from the Applicant as to what impact they would consider being placed on the road network. NYCC is not aware that any scoping has been carried out in relation to this issue.

Yours faithfully

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