



Consultation Strategy

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Glossary

Abbreviation	Description
BEIS	Department for Business and Industrial Strategy
CCC	Committee for Climate Change
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
CCUS	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
DCO	Development Consent Order: provides a consent for building and operating an NSIP
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	Examining Authority: An inspector or panel of inspectors appointed to examine the application
ICZ	Inner Consultation Zone
Km	Kilometres
Mt	Million tonnes
MW	Megawatt: the measure of electrical power produced
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project: for which a Development Consent Order is required
NZNS Storage	Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited - one of the Applicants
NZT	The Net Zero Teesside Project
NZT Power	Net Zero Teesside Power Limited - one of the Applicants
OCZ	Outer Consultation Zone
OGCI	Oil and Gas Climate Initiative
OGCI CI	OGCI Climate Investments LLP - part of OGCI
PA 2008	Planning Act 2008
PEI Report	Preliminary Environmental Information Report - summarising the likely environmental impacts of the proposed development
NTS	A Non-Technical Summary of the information in the PEI Report
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation: sets out how a developer will consult the local community about a proposed NSIP Statement of Community Consultation: sets out how a developer will consult the local community about a nationally significant infrastructure project and proposed application for development consent
SoS	Secretary of State
STDC	South Tees Development Corporation
TVCA	Tees Valley Combined Authority

1.0 Introduction

Context

- 1.1 Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants') are proposing to apply for development consent pursuant to Section 37 'Applications for orders granting development consent' of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') from the Secretary of State ('SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Net Zero Teesside Project ('NZN') on land at Redcar and Stockton-on-Tees on Teesside (the 'Project Site').
- 1.2 NZN would be the UK's first commercial scale, full chain Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage ('CCUS') project, comprising a high efficiency combined cycle gas turbine ('CCGT') power station with an abated capacity of up to 2.1 gigawatts output (gross), including post-combustion carbon capture plant; cooling water, gas and electricity grid connections for the power station; a carbon dioxide (CO₂) gathering network connecting to other facilities on Teesside, including local industries to transport CO₂ captured from those facilities (including the connections under the tidal River Tees); a CO₂ gathering and compression station to receive the captured CO₂ from the power station and gathering network and compress it to high pressure; and a CO₂ transport/export pipeline for the onward transport of the captured and compressed CO₂ to an geologically secure offshore storage site under the North Sea.
- 1.3 The proposed application for development consent will be for all of the onshore elements of NZN (above mean low water springs), including the cooling water connection and part of the CO₂ transport/export pipeline (both of which are in part below mean low water springs). The offshore elements of NZN (the continuation of the CO₂ transport/export

pipeline and the storage site) will be subject to separate consent applications.

Purpose of this document

- 1.4 This Consultation Strategy has been prepared by the Applicants and has been used to inform the preparation of the Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') that is required in accordance with Section 47 'Duty to consult local community' of the PA 2008. Section 47 places a statutory duty on applicants to "prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land." The Consultation Strategy sets out how the Applicants will consult the local community about NZN as part of their statutory consultation ('Stage 2 Consultation'), prior to the anticipated submission of the application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') toward the end of 2020.
- 1.5 The Applicants undertook non-statutory consultation (the 'Stage 1 Consultation') on NZN in autumn 2019. This involved consultation with the local community living within the immediate vicinity of the Project Site on the Applicants' initial proposals for NZN. The Stage 1 Consultation provided information on the options being considered for NZN, notably the broad locations being proposed for the gas-fired power station and the CO₂ gathering/compression station and the various route corridors for the water, gas and electricity connections and CO₂ gathering network. The findings of the early environmental work on the Project were also made available.
- 1.6 The Consultation Strategy has been prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government (Department for Communities and Local Government – 'Planning At 2008: Guidance

on the pre-application process', March 2015), PINS and the relevant local authorities (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council) for the purposes of Section 47 of the PA 2008.

- 1.7 The Consultation Strategy, and the consultation methods to be employed for the Stage 2 Consultation, also take account of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the UK and related legislation and the UK Government's advice and guidance.
- 1.8 COVID-19 presents a number of challenges for community consultation. While the UK Government has started to ease the restrictions imposed as part of the lockdown, there are still restrictions in place relating to people mixing with each other and public gatherings, while social distancing (staying 2 metres away from other people not in the same household or 'household bubble') is still being encouraged. This means that at present it is not possible to arrange physical face-to-face public consultation events or to deposit hard copies of consultation documents at public venues (e.g. council offices and libraries) for inspection, as is usual.
- 1.9 The Applicants considered postponing their Stage 2 Consultation in view of COVID-19. However, it was decided that this would not be feasible given the programmed submission of the application for development consent toward the end of 2020. Given the importance of NZT to the decarbonisation of the UK's power and industrial sectors and the achievement of the Government's legally binding 'net zero' target the Applicants decided to maintain their programme in order that NZT's economic and environmental benefits could be delivered at the earliest possible opportunity. In arriving at this decision, the Applicants have taken into account the likelihood that the COVID-19 pandemic may not be over for some time and that there may be several stages of restrictions.
- 1.10 In view of the above decision the Applicants have adopted a different approach to the Stage 2 Consultation to the one originally proposed, but one that still ensures the community consultation on NZT is effective and provides people with sufficient opportunity to learn about and comment upon NZT. In the event that the restrictions relating to COVID-19 are lifted further during the Stage 2 Consultation, the Applicants will consider whether they can introduce any of the consultation methods previously proposed (such as public consultation events/exhibitions), which are not currently proposed in this Consultation Strategy.
- 1.11 The Applicants have discussed its approach to the Stage 2 Consultation with PINS and has consulted the relevant local authorities on the content of the Consultation Strategy and draft SoCC in accordance with Section 47. They have also consulted the South Tees Development Corporation ('STDC') and the Tees Valley Combined Authority ('TVCA') on their proposals for consultation even though this is not required by Section 47 of the PA 2008.
- 1.12 The Consultation Strategy provides a brief overview of NZT; the development consent application process; the environmental information to be provided; the pre-application consultation process and also explains how the local community will be able to learn more and become involved in the development of NZT. Pre-application consultation provides an important opportunity for the local community to provide comments and feedback and identify issues of importance, enabling the Applicants to address these and improve their proposals.

1.13 The Consultation Strategy is structured as follows:

- **Section 2** - provides information on NZT.
- **Section 3** - provides information on the development consent application process.
- **Section 4** - details the environmental information that will be made available during the pre-application consultation.
- **Section 5** - outlines the Applicants' approach to pre-application consultation, including the area within which they will consult and who will be consulted.
- **Section 6** - sets out the methods that the Applicants will employ to consult the local community.
- **Section 7** - explains how the Applicants will record and take account of the consultation.
- **Section 8** - outlines the next steps and details for submitting comments and feedback.

1.14 The Consultation Strategy along with the finalised SoCC, will be made available for inspection on the Project Website. In view of the restrictions currently in place due to COVID-19 it may not be possible to make hard copies of the Consultation Strategy and SoCC available at the usual inspection venues (e.g. council offices and libraries) within the vicinity of the Project Site. However, the Applicants will arrange for a copy of the SoCC to be delivered to people living within the immediate vicinity of the Project Site and will also provide hard copies of both documents on request where people do not have access to the internet. A SoCC Notice will be published in a local newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the Project Site confirming the details for the inspection of the SoCC and Consultation Strategy and how hard copies of the documents can be obtained.

The Applicants

1.15 Net Zero Teesside Power Limited ('NZT Power') and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited ('NZNS Storage') are 'the Applicants'. NZT Power and NZNS Storage have been incorporated on behalf of OGCI Climate Investments LLP ('OGCI Cl'). OGCI Cl is part of the Oil and Gas Initiative (OGCI), a CEO-led consortium that aims to accelerate the industry response to climate change and who membership accounts for over 30% of global operated oil and gas production. One of OGCI's key investments is NZT.

1.16 OGCI has significant expertise in the field of carbon capture, with 17 of the operational large-scale carbon capture and storage projects worldwide being operated by OGCI members. OGCI has earmarked over \$1 billion for accelerating the deployment of innovative low emissions technology. NZT is one of OGCI's key investments. Further information on OGCI can be found at: <https://oilandgasclimateinitiative.com/climate-investments/#ccus>

1.17 NZT is owned by OGCI Cl as a non-operating shareholder. From the end of June 2020, NZT will be developed by five OGCI members companies: BP, Eni, Equinor, Shell and Total, with BP leading as operator. NZT Power and NZNS Storage will promote NZT on behalf of these five member companies.

1.18 NZT Power will be responsible for NZT in so far as it relates to the construction, operation and decommissioning of the gas-fired power station together with the equipment required for the capture of its CO₂ emissions. NZNS Storage will be responsible for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the equipment required for the high-pressure compression of CO₂ from the power station and local industries, as well as the CO₂ gathering network and the onshore section of the CO₂ transport/export pipeline.

1.19 NZNS Storage will also be responsible for the offshore elements of NZT, comprising the offshore section of the CO₂ transport/

export pipeline to a suitable offshore geological CO₂ storage site under the North Sea, CO₂ injection wells and associated infrastructure. The offshore elements of NZT (with the exception of the pipeline crossings of the River Tees and the water outfall from the Project Site) will be subject to separate consent applications.

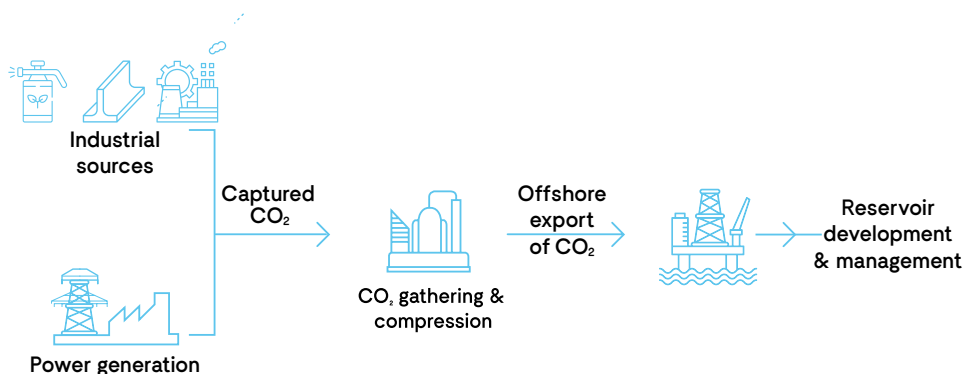
What is Carbon capture, utilisation and storage?

- 1.20 Carbon capture, utilisation and storage ('CCUS') is a process that removes CO₂ emissions at source, for example emissions from a power station or chemical manufacturing installation, and then compresses the CO₂ so that it can be safely transported to secure underground storage sites. It is then injected into layer of solid rock filled with interconnected pores where the CO₂ becomes trapped and locked in place, preventing it from being released into the atmosphere. Figure 1.1 below shows what is involved.
- 1.21 The technologies used in CCUS are proven and have been used safely across the world for many years. Storage sites are located several kilometres underground and are subject to stringent tests to ensure that they are geologically suitable. In the UK, it is expected that the storage sites will be located offshore, in areas such as the North Sea.

The Project Site

- 1.22 The Project Site lies within the administrative boundaries of both Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. It also lies within the boundary of the South Tees Development Corporation ('STDC'). Most of the Project Site lies within the administrative area of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, although parts of the CO₂ gathering network and the power station's gas supply connection to the National Transmission System for gas would cross the River Tees into the administrative area of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. At this location, the River Tees is tidal. In addition, there are elements of the Project Site which extend into the North Sea/Coatham Sands. These sections of the Project Site are outside the jurisdiction of either local authority and are part of the UK marine area.
- 1.23 A plan is contained at Appendix 1 which shows the extent of the Project Site edged in red in relation to the boundaries of the two local authorities (and neighbouring local authorities) and the STDC area.

Figure 1.1 – Carbon Capture



2.0 Net Zero Teesside

- 2.1 NZT will be the UK's first, commercial scale, full chain CCUS project, and has the potential to capture up to 10 million tonnes (Mt) of CO₂ emissions per annum, the equivalent to the annual energy use of up to 3 million homes in the UK. CCUS is a proven technology and is already in use around the World. It is widely recognised that CCUS will need to play a key role in helping to reduce global CO₂ emissions.
- 2.2 In the UK, the Government has committed to achieve 'net zero' in terms of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This is a legally binding target. It is estimated that CCUS could reduce global CO₂ emissions by 19%. CCUS therefore has an important role to play in helping to decarbonise the UK's power and industrial sectors and achieving the 'net zero' target.
- 2.3 The elements of NZT, which it is proposed would be the subject of the application for development consent, comprise the following:
- A high efficiency gas-fired power station with an abated capacity of up to 2.1 gigawatts output (gross), including carbon capture plant, that can flexibly deliver low carbon power locally and nationally;
 - cooling water, gas and electricity connections for the power station;
 - a CO₂ gathering network connecting to other facilities on Teesside, including local industries – industries capturing CO₂ from their own processes will have access to this network so that their CO₂ can be transported and stored;
 - a CO₂ gathering and compression station
 - this will receive the captured CO₂ from the power station and other facilities on Teesside and compress it to a high pressure;
 - a CO₂ transport/export pipeline situated above mean low water springs for the onward transport of the captured CO₂ to a suitable offshore geological storage site beneath the North Sea.
- 2.4 A plan showing the Project Site (edged in red) and the location of the main onshore elements of NZT can be found at Appendix 2.
- 2.5 Further information on NZT can be found at: www.netzeroteesside.co.uk
- Why is NZT needed?**
- 2.6 CCUS is a proven technology and is already in use around the World. It has a critical role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and keeping global warming below a two-degree Celsius increase.
- 2.7 CCUS will play an important role in meeting energy and climate goals. In the International Energy Agency Sustainable Development Scenario, carbon capture accounts for 7% of the cumulative emissions reductions needed globally to 2040. This implies a rapid scale-up of carbon capture deployment, from around 30 million tonnes (Mt) of CO₂ currently captured each year to 2,300 Mt per year by 2040.
- 2.8 NZT will support the overarching objective of the UK Government to continue transitioning the UK to a low carbon economy. The role that CCUS technology has to play in achieving this transition is confirmed within the National Infrastructure Plan (2014), the Government's 'Clean Growth Strategy' (2017), the 'Clean Growth - The UK Carbon Capture Usage and Storage deployment pathway - An Action Plan' (2018) and most recently, the Government's commitment to achieve 'net zero' in terms of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- 2.9 The commitment to achieve net zero was enshrined into UK law on 27 June 2019. The commitment is in line with the recommendations of the Committee for Climate Change ('CCC') set out in its report

(May 2019) 'Net Zero – The UK's Contribution to Stopping Global Warming'. The report is clear that if the net zero target is to be achieved greenhouse gas emissions will need to be offset by schemes that are capable of taking away large amounts of emissions from the atmosphere. CCUS is identified as having a key role to play in achieving this.

- 2.10 The executive summary to the CCC report (page 12) highlights that CCUS is crucial to the delivery of zero greenhouse gas emissions and that it is of strategic importance to the economy. However, it raises concern that CCUS has barely started in the UK - of the 43 large-scale projects operating in the World, none are in the UK. The report goes on to state that the remaining greenhouse gas emissions in the UK must be offset by removing CO₂ and permanently storing it through technologies such as CCUS. The important role of carbon capture is also stressed in terms of capturing the CO₂ from the production of hydrogen (given the ambition to move to a hydrogen economy that is seen as critical to achieving net zero) and from non-renewable electricity production (page 23). CCUS is therefore a necessity not an option.

3.0 Development consent application process

- 3.1 Nationally significant infrastructure projects ('NSIPs') of a type falling within Section 14 'Nationally significant infrastructure projects: general' of the PA 2008 or which have been designated as such by the relevant Secretary of State ('SoS') under Section 35 'Directions in relation to projects of national significance' require development consent before they can be constructed and operated.
- 3.2 Development consent is granted in the form of an 'order' (a development consent order or 'DCO') by the relevant SoS. A DCO provides the necessary consents and authorisations required to construct and operate a NSIP. It can also provide the applicant with powers of compulsory acquisition over land that is required either on a permanent or temporary basis for a project.
- 3.3 Applications for development consent must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS'), which is a government agency that is responsible for administering the application process on behalf of the relevant SoS.
- 3.5 A consultation report must accompany the application (required by Section 37 'Applications for orders granting development consent') setting out (in accordance with Section 49 'Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity') how the applicant has taken account of the responses received to consultation and publicity.

Acceptance

- 3.6 On receipt of the application, PINS must first decide whether to 'accept' the application for examination. A decision on acceptance must be made within 28 days of the application having been submitted, pursuant to Section 55 'Acceptance of Applications' of the PA 2008. If the application is accepted by PINS, the applicant must publicise that the application has been accepted pursuant to Section 56 'Notifying persons of accepted application'. The publicity is similar to that required by Sections 42 and 48 and the notices that are issued and published must specify a date by which people can register as an interested party.

Pre-application consultation

- 3.4 Before an application can be submitted to PINS there is a statutory duty on the applicant under Section 42 'Duty to consult', Section 47 'Duty to consult local community' and Section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008 to consult on and publicise its proposals. Section 42 requires an applicant to consult certain prescribed bodies, including relevant local authorities and affected and potentially affected landowners, while Section 47 requires the applicant to prepare a SoCC setting out how it proposes to consult the local community within the vicinity of the land to which the project relates and to carry out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC.

Examination and Decision

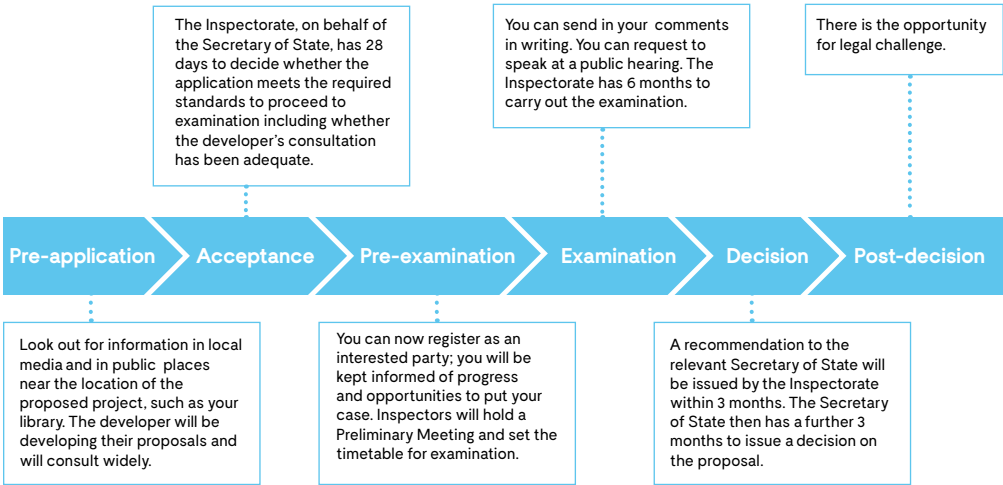
- 3.7 Following acceptance and the necessary publicity, the application will proceed to examination. PINS will appoint an inspector or panel of inspectors (dependent on the scale and type of project) to conduct the examination. The inspector(s) are often referred to as the 'Examining Authority' ('ExA'). The examination must be completed within a period of six months. Within three months of the end of the examination the ExA must produce and submit a recommendation report to the relevant SoS. The SoS then has three months to decide whether to grant a DCO for the project.

Decision-making

- 3.8 As there are relevant National Policy Statements ('NPSs') in place in relation to NZT, in making his or her decision, the relevant SoS must determine the application in accordance with those NPSs, unless factors set out in the PA 2008 direct otherwise (Section 104 'Decisions in cases where national policy statement has effect'). The NPSs considered to be of most relevance to NZT are:
- EN-1 – Overarching National Policy statement for Energy.
 - EN-2 – National Policy Statement for Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure.
 - EN-4 – National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines.
 - EN-5 – National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure.
- 3.9 The above NPSs can be viewed at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statements-for-energy-infrastructure>
- 3.10 In making a decision, Section 104 of the PA 2008 states that the SoS must have regard to any other matters that he or she thinks is important and relevant to their decision. Such matters can include other national policy documents, such as those referred to in Section 2, as well as local development plans.
- 3.11 The main steps of the development consent application process are shown in Figure 3.1 below.
- 3.12 For more information about the development consent application process please visit the PINS website:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

Figure 3.1 – Development consent application process

The application process: six steps



4.0 Environmental information on NZT

- 4.1 NZT is an environmental impact assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of 'The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017' (the 'EIA Regulations'). This means that an EIA of NZT will be undertaken. This will assess the likely significant environmental effects arising from NZT. It will also identify any mitigation that is necessary to control or reduce those environmental effects. The findings of the EIA will be documented within an Environmental Statement ('ES') that will form part of the application for development consent submitted to the PINS. A Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') of the ES will also form part of the application.
- 4.2 In February 2019, OGCI applied to PINS under Regulation 10(1) 'Application for a scoping opinion' of the EIA Regulations for a 'scoping opinion' as to the information to be provided within the ES ('EIA Scoping Opinion'). The application was accompanied by a detailed EIA Scoping Report (AECOM, February 2019). The EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by PINS in April 2019. The EIA Scoping Opinion identifies the environmental issues and topics relevant to NZT, which should be assessed as part of the EIA. The EIA of NZT will take account of the EIA Scoping Opinion. The EIA Scoping Opinion and EIA Scoping Report are available to view on the PINS website at:
- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010103/EN010103-000013-EN010103-Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 4.3 Environmental information will be made available during the consultation on NZT. During the Stage 1 Consultation on NZT the findings of the early environmental work and the EIA work proposed to be undertaken were made available.
- 4.4 As part of the Stage 2 Consultation a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEI Report') will be made available. The PEI Report will effectively take the form of a draft ES and provide information on the likely significant environmental effects of NZT. The PEI Report will be made available during the Stage 2 Consultation on NZT. There will be an opportunity to comment upon the PEI Report and the comments received will be considered as part of the preparation of the ES.
- 4.5 Information on when the PEI Report will be made available is provided in the following section.

5.0 Pre-application consultation

5.1 The Applicants will carry out effective and meaningful pre-application consultation as part of their strategy of preparing a robust development consent application, in which issues raised during consultation have been appropriately considered and addressed.

5.2 The Applicants recognise that early involvement of the local community, local authorities, statutory consultees and other stakeholders provides benefits for all parties. This is noted in government guidance on pre-application consultation, which states:

“Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties, by:

- helping the applicant identify and resolve issues at the earliest stage, which can reduce the overall risk to the project further down the line as it becomes more difficult to make changes once an application has been submitted;
- enabling members of the public to influence proposed projects, feedback on potential options, and encouraging the community to help shape the proposal to maximise local benefits and minimise any downsides;
- helping local people understand the potential nature and local impact of the proposed project, with the potential to dispel misapprehensions at an early stage;
- enabling applicants to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees, which can help rule out unsuitable options;
- enabling potential mitigating measures to be considered and, if appropriate, built into the project before an application is submitted; and

– identifying ways in which the project could, without significant costs to promoters, support wider strategic or local objectives.”

Consultation objectives

5.3 Taking account of the above, the Applicants’ objectives for the pre-application consultation on NZT are to:

- raise awareness of what is being proposed and to give the local community, local elected representatives, local authorities (including Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), STDC, TVCA, statutory consultees and other stakeholders the opportunity to make informed comments upon the proposals;
- provide those consultees with an opportunity to influence any aspects of NZT that are under development and to understand which elements of the Project are fixed and why;
- provide clear and concise information at appropriate times;
- invite feedback; and
- show how feedback has been taken into account in finalising the application for development consent prior to its submission.

Consultation stages

5.4 In order to achieve the above objectives, the Applicants have adopted a two-stage consultation process for NZT comprising:

Stage 1 Consultation (non-statutory consultation): this involved consultation with the local community and local elected representatives within the immediate vicinity of the Project Site on the Applicant’s initial proposals in autumn 2019. This was non-statutory consultation (i.e. it was not required by the PA 2008).

5.4 The Stage 1 Consultation provided information on the broad locations being proposed for the gas-fired power station and CO₂ gathering/compression station and the various route corridors for the water, gas and electricity connections and the CO₂ gathering network. The findings of the early environmental work on the Project were also made available.

A variety of consultation methods were employed, including holding public consultation events within the vicinity of the Project Site. A 30-day period, starting with the day after the last consultation event was held was provided for the submission of comments on the proposals.

Stage 2 Consultation (statutory consultation): this will involve consultation with the local community within the wider vicinity of the Project Site, local elected representatives, relevant local authorities, STDC, the TVCA and other key stakeholders on the Applicants' more developed proposals. This will be statutory consultation in accordance with Section 42 (consultation with prescribed bodies, including relevant local authorities and affected and potentially affected landownership interests), Section 47 (consultation with the local community in accordance with the SoCC) and Section 48 (publicising the consultation in national and local newspapers) of the PA 2008.

The Stage 2 consultation will provide information on the Applicants' more developed proposals for NZT. The PEI Report (and a Non-Technical Summary 'NTS' of this) will be made available during the Stage 2 Consultation. The PEI Report will effectively take the form of a draft ES and provide information on the likely significant environmental effects of NZT so far as known to the Applicants at that stage. Again, a variety of consultation methods will be employed, taking account of the restrictions that are in place as a result of COVID-19. The Stage 2 Consultation will be publicised in accordance with Section 48 of the PA 2008, which requires notices to be published

in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks and a national newspaper and the London Gazette each for one week. As NZT also involves development within the UK marine area the consultation will also need to be publicised in the Lloyds List and an appropriate fishing journal.

When will consultation take place?

5.5 The Stage 2 Consultation will commence in late June 2020 and run until mid-September 2020. The Stage 2 Consultation will therefore run for approximately two and a half months. This is in excess of the statutory minimum periods required by the PA 2008 and related regulations. The Applicants have decided to allow additional time for people to find out about the proposals and submit comments and feedback in view of the COVID-19 restrictions.

What will we consult on?

- 5.6 The Stage 1 Consultation was used to introduce NZT and the options being considered. It provided information on who OGCI are, why NZT is being developed and what it would comprise, including:
- the 'need' for NZT and how it will contribute to the UK government's Clean Growth Strategy and achieving 'net zero';
 - the type of technology that would be employed;
 - the options being considered for NZT, notably the broad locations and route corridors for the gas-fired power station, CO₂ gathering compression station and water, gas and electricity connections and the CO₂ gathering network and onshore section of the CO₂ transport pipeline
 - the opportunities to capture CO₂ from other power stations and local industrial facilities on Teesside;
 - initial environmental findings and the EIA work that was to be undertaken;
 - the timeline for NZT and key milestones; and

- how comments and feedback could be provided and the deadline for the receipt of these.

5.7 The Stage 2 Consultation will be used to provide information on the Applicants' more developed proposals for NZT, including:

- the decisions made about the locations, route corridors, design and layout of the onshore elements of NZT and how the route corridors are being narrowed as we move toward submission of the application for development consent;
- the potential effects of the construction and operation of NZT, including the duration of the construction programme;
- the findings of the EIA undertaken on NZT at the time of the consultation, presented in the form of a PEI Report with a NTS;
- the proposals for avoiding, minimising and/or mitigating any likely environmental effects of the Project, to the extent defined and known at the time of the consultation;
- an update on the timeline for NZT and the key milestones, including the anticipated submission date for the development consent application; and
- how comments and feedback can be provided and the deadline for the receipt of these.

Where and who will we consult?

5.8 A 'Consultation Area' has been defined for the purposes of the Applicants' pre-application consultation. The Consultation Area is divided into two zones; an Inner Consultation Zone ('ICZ') and an Outer Consultation Zone ('OCZ').

5.9 The ICZ is defined by the yellow line in Figure 5.1 overleaf. The Project Site is shown edged in red. The ICZ represents the area within which we consider there is the greatest potential for local communities to be most affected by NZT. The ICZ extends approximately 1-2 kilometres ('km') from the boundary of the Project Site and includes

the nearby settlements of Dormanstown, Normanby, Lazenby, Lackenby, Coatham, the western part of Redcar and Kirkleatham. It extends beyond the edges of the gas, electricity and water connections and CO₂ pipeline route corridors, following the main settlement and river/estuary boundaries, but has been extended in places to include settlements such as Eston and Teesville.

5.10 The OCZ, shown by the yellow circular line in Figure 5.2 overleaf, has been defined with reference to the early EIA work and extends to approximately 20 km from the boundaries of the Project Site. It is considered to represent the maximum extent within which environmental effects could occur. For example, the air quality assessment will be based upon a Zone of Theoretical Influence of up to 15 km and the landscape and visual impact assessment upon a Zone of Theoretical Visibility of 10 km.

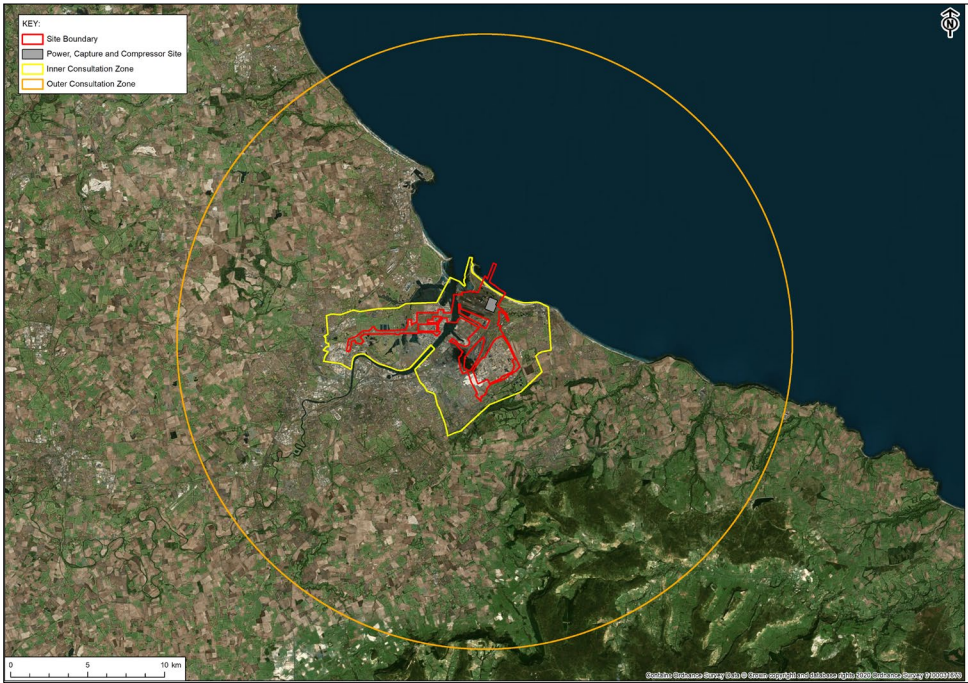
5.11 A larger scale plan showing the Project Site and Consultation Area, including ICZ and OCZ and local authority boundaries can be found at Appendix 3.

5.12 The main focus of the Stage 1 Consultation was consultation with the local community within the ICZ of the Consultation Area. This involved a letter being sent to all residents and businesses within the ICZ providing information on NZT, details of public consultation events to be held within the area, how comments could be made and the deadline for the submission of these. The consultation was also advertised by placing a notice in local newspapers circulating within the ICZ.

Figure 5.1 - Project Site and Inner Consultation Zone



Figure 5.2 - Project Site and Outer Consultation Zone



- 5.13 The Stage 2 Consultation will be statutory consultation undertaken in accordance with Sections 42 'Duty to consult', 47 'Duty to consult local community' and 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008, adapted where necessary in view of COVID-19 restrictions. The PEI Report and a NTS of this will be made available for the Stage 2 Consultation.
- 5.14 The Stage 2 Consultation with the local community will involve an Information Leaflet being sent to all residents and businesses within the ICZ providing information on our more developed proposals, other ways in which information is being provided given that physical public consultation events/exhibitions cannot be held and how comments and feedback can be submitted. The Information Leaflet will incorporate a Feedback Form and a Freepost address that it can be returned to. In addition to this, the Stage 2 Consultation will be advertised by placing notices in local newspapers circulating across both the ICZ and the OCZ (the entire Consultation Area). If safe and appropriate to do so, notices will also be placed on open-air public notice boards across the Consultation Area. The consultation of the local community will be undertaken in accordance with the SoCC (this document) pursuant to Section 47 of the PA 2008.
- 5.15 The Stage 2 Consultation will also involve consulting with prescribed persons, including the relevant local authorities and affected and potentially affected landownership interests in accordance with Section 42 of the PA 2008 ('Section 42 persons'). This will involve issuing a letter to the Section 42 persons by post accompanied by a USB device containing electronic versions of the consultation materials, including the PEIR. The hard copy letters will provide details of how the documents can be accessed on the Project Website if Section 42 persons are unable to use the USB device for security reasons. Hard copies of documents will also be made available on request to Section 42 persons where they do not have internet access. In addition, the letter will be emailed to Section 42 persons where email addresses can be obtained and will include an electronic link to the consultation materials. The letter will specify a date by which comments must be submitted. In advance of this, PINS will be notified of the Stage 2 Consultation and provided with the same consultation materials pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application'.
- 5.16 In addition to the above, the Applicants will publicise the Stage 2 Consultation in accordance with Section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008, adapted as necessary in view of COVID-19 restrictions. This will involve publishing a notice (prepared in a prescribed form) once in a national newspaper, once in the London Gazette and for two consecutive weeks in local newspapers circulating within the Consultation Area. As NZT involves development within the UK marine area and (a cooling water outfall and part of the CO2 transport pipeline are directed into the North Sea) the Section 48 notice will also need to be publicised once in the Lloyds List and once in an appropriate fishing journal. The Section 48 notice will provide information on NZT and the Stage 2 Consultation and specify a date by which comments and feedback must be submitted. Site notices will also be erected at appropriate intervals around the Project Site boundaries, including at intervals along the corridors for the water, gas and electricity connections and CO2 pipelines.

6.0 Consultation methods

6.1 The Applicants will employ a range of consultation methods during the Stage 2 Consultation, taking account of the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, in order to ensure that the consultation is effective and safe, but still provides the local community with sufficient opportunity to learn about the latest, more developed proposals for NZT and to provide comments and feedback. The range of methods employed will ensure that all sections of the community are provided with the opportunity to provide comments and feedback. The consultation methods are outlined below.

Press/media releases

6.2 Press/media releases will be used to publicise the latest proposals for NZT. A press release will be issued to the local and regional press at the start of the Stage 2 Consultation. Press releases will also provide information on how the local community can find out about the proposals and the ways in which people can provide comments and feedback.

Radio/social media

6.3 Radio adverts will be placed with radio stations broadcasting within the Consultation Area to publicise the latest proposals, how the local community can find out about the proposals and the ways in which people can provide comments and feedback. The Applicants will also use local social media forums and pages to further publicise the consultation.

Information Leaflet

6.4 An Information Leaflet will be sent to all residents and businesses within the ICZ prior to the start of the Stage 2 Consultation. This will provide information on the latest proposals, others ways in which information is being provided given that physical

consultation events cannot be held due to COVID-19, how further information and consultation materials can be requested, and how comments and feedback can be made as well as the deadline for the submission of these. The Information Leaflet will incorporate a Feedback Form and include a Freepost address that the Form can be returned to, as well as providing a Freephone number that people can use to submit comments and feedback over the telephone.

6.5 In addition to local residents and businesses, the Information Leaflet will be sent to local political representatives, including local MPs, district councillors and parish and town councils.

6.6 As confirmed in Section 5, in addition to the local community consultation, the Stage 2 Consultation will involve consulting with prescribed persons, including the relevant local authorities and affected and potentially affected landownership interests in accordance with Section 42 of the PA 2008 ('Section 42 persons'). This will involve issuing a letter to the Section 42 persons by post accompanied by a USB device containing electronic versions of the consultation materials, including the PEI Report and NTS. The hard copy letters will also provide details of how the documents can be accessed on the Project Website if Section 42 persons are unable to use the USB device for security reasons. Hard copies of documents will be made available on request to Section 42 persons where they do not have internet access. In addition, the letter will be emailed to Section 42 persons where email addresses can be obtained and will include an electronic link to the consultation materials. The letter will specify a date by which comments must be submitted.

Newspaper notices/posters

6.7 The Stage 2 Consultation will be advertised by placing information notices in local newspapers circulating across both the ICZ and the OCZ (the entire Consultation Area) for two consecutive weeks. The local newspapers that will be used are the Northern Echo, Teesside Gazette and the Darlington and Stockton Times. If safe and appropriate to do so, posters will also be placed on open air public notice boards across the Consultation Area. In order to satisfy the requirements of Section 48 of the PA 2008, a Section 48 notice will be published in a national newspaper (e.g. the Times), the London Gazette, the Lloyds List and an appropriate fishing journal for one week and for two consecutive weeks in the local newspapers. Site notices will be erected at appropriate intervals around the Project Site boundaries, including at intervals along the route corridors for the various connections.

Webinars/video conferences

6.8 The Applicants will offer webinars or video conferences to the local community, community groups and representatives, and local political representatives, in order to provide another means by which people can learn about the latest proposals for NZT, ask questions and provide comments and feedback.

Virtual consultation portal

6.9 In view of the COVID-19 restrictions it is unlikely that we will be able to hold physical public consultation events/exhibitions in the usual manner, however, we will run an online virtual consultation portal that simulates the typical approach used in public consultation events/exhibitions. As part of the virtual consultation portal, information boards/banners will be displayed online providing detailed information on NZT. Other consultation materials will also be made available, including the EIA Scoping Report, various plans, the PEI Report and NTS.

6.10 An online version of the Feedback Form will be made available on the virtual consultation portal so that people can provide comments and feedback after the event.

Public consultation events/exhibitions

6.11 At present physical consultation events cannot be held due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place. However, in the event that restrictions relating to COVID-19 are lifted or relaxed before or during the Stage 2 Consultation, we will consider whether public consultation events/exhibitions can be accommodated within the consultation period in a way that is fair, achievable and appropriate and safe from a public health perspective.

Provision of hard copy documents

6.12 In view of the COVID-19 restrictions it may not be possible to place hard copy documents at the usual public inspection venues (e.g. council offices and public libraries). However, all of the consultation materials will be available on the Project Website and we will also offer the loan of hard copy sets of documents to people who do not have access to the internet. Documents will be delivered by courier to those requesting them at an agreed time and then picked-up at the end of the consultation period (unless we are requested to collect them before the end of the consultation). Hard copy documents will only be used once. In addition, as an alternative to hard copy documents, the Applicants will offer the loan of electronic tablets or readers to people who do not have access to the internet. All of the consultation materials will be loaded onto the tablets. As with the loan of hard copy documents, the Applicants will arrange for tablets to be delivered by courier at an agreed time and then picked-up at the end of the consultation period, or if requested, sooner than this. Tablets will be thoroughly cleaned following collection prior to being loaned out again.

Freephone number

- 6.13 The Applicants will operate a manned Freephone number so people, including those without internet access, can contact us to ask questions about the latest proposals, provide comments and feedback and also request the loan of hard copy documents/a tablet. The Freephone service will operate between the hours of 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.
- 6.14 When phoning, people will be able to arrange an appointment to speak to members of the Project Team where they have specific questions or queries. When a person phones the Freephone number, those manning the service will establish the areas of interest and then arrange for a relevant member of the Project Team to respond to the person, where appropriate by telephone at an agreed time. The relevant member of the Project Team will take a note of the questions/queries raised and also document the answer(s) given. The contact details of the person and the date and time of the call will also be recorded.

Project Website

- 6.15 A Project Website has been established and will be used to host all of the consultation materials and to provide information on how people can provide comments and feedback and request hard copy documents/a tablet. People will also be able to complete the Feedback Form on the Website. The Website address is: www.netzeroteesside.co.uk

Feedback Forms

- 6.16 A Feedback Form will be made available during the consultation for people to use to submit comments and feedback. The Feedback Form will be included with the Information Leaflet and will be available to complete during the virtual consultation events and also on the Project Website. In addition, people will be able to request hard copies of the Feedback Form by email, post or telephone. It will be possible to return the Feedback Form by Freepost.

7.0 Recording and taking account of consultation

7.1 The Applicants will carefully record, analyse and take account of all comments and feedback received in response to the Stage 2 Consultation by the stated date for receipt of comments/feedback. Section 49 of the PA 2008 places a duty on applicants to 'have regard' to responses received to consultation carried out pursuant to Sections 42, 47 and 48.

Recording and analysis

7.2 All comments and feedback received to the Stage 2 Consultation stages (including completed Feedback Forms) will be recorded and entered into a consultation tracker. The comments and feedback received will then be carefully reviewed, analysed and grouped under specific topic or theme headings. Under each topic/theme heading the issues/matters requiring consideration will then be identified.

7.3 The Applicants will consider the issues/matters raised during the pre-application consultation on the Project and prepare responses to these. In having regard to the issues/matters the Applicants will also identify where these have resulted in any changes to the proposals. More detailed responses will be provided to the comments/feedback received to the Stage 2 Consultation as the proposals presented at Stage 2 will be more developed.

Reporting

7.4 The pre-application consultation undertaken on NZT, including the comments/feedback received to the consultation and how the Applicants have had regard to them, will be documented within the Consultation Report, which will form part of the application for development consent in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008.

7.5 Comments/feedback received to the pre-application consultation may be made public,

however, no personal information will be published unless necessary. The Applicants will take reasonable care to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation and the PINS Privacy Policy. A copy of the NZT Privacy Notice is provided at Appendix 4.

7.6 The Consultation Report will be made available on the NZT website and the PINS website once the application for development consent has been submitted to and accepted by PINS.

8.0 Next steps and contact details

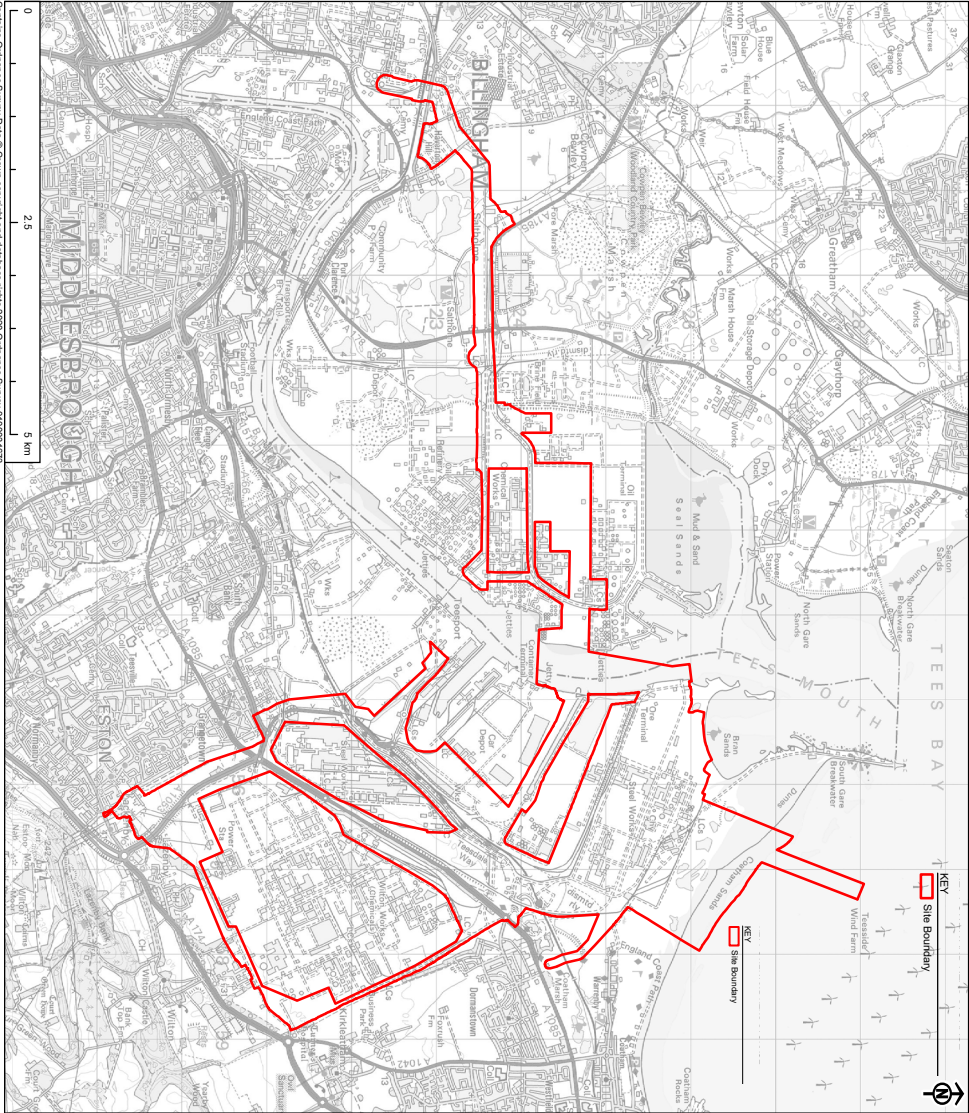
Next steps

- 8.1 Following the completion of the pre-application consultation and consideration of the comments/feedback received, the Applicants anticipate submitting the application for development consent to the PINS toward the end of 2020. The key steps (and timescales) following submission of the application are as follows:
- Acceptance of application by PINS – 28 days.
 - Pre-examination period – two/three months.
 - Examination – six months.
 - Recommendation by Examining Authority – three months.
 - Decision by Secretary of State – three months.

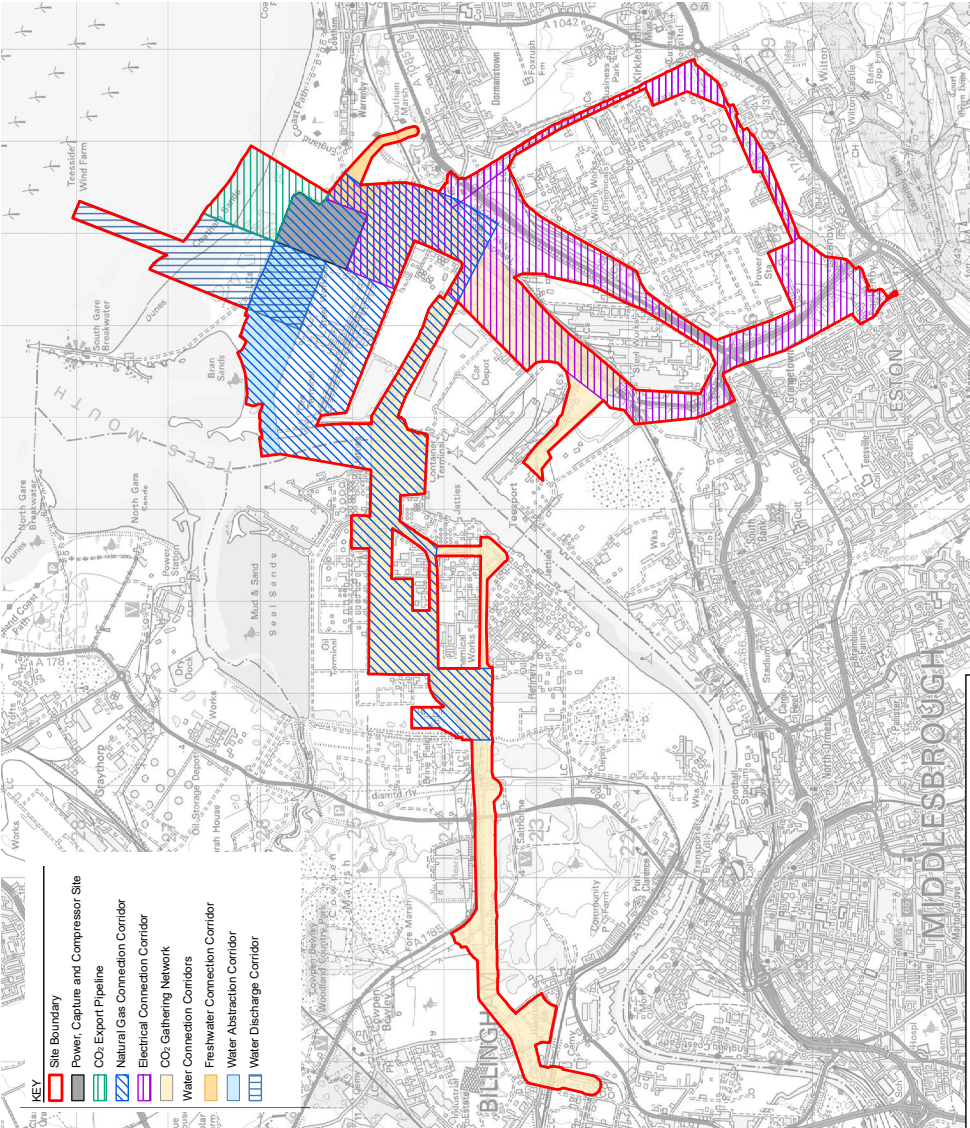
Contact Details

- 8.2 You can find out more about NZT by viewing the **Project Website: www.netzeroteesside.co.uk** or contacting the Project Team as follows:
- 8.3 By email: **consultation@netzeroteesside.co.uk**
- 8.4 By post: **Freepost NET ZERO TEESSIDE
PROJECT CONSULTATION**
- 8.5 By telephone: **Freephone 0800 211 8185** - lines will be open 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday from 30th June 2020

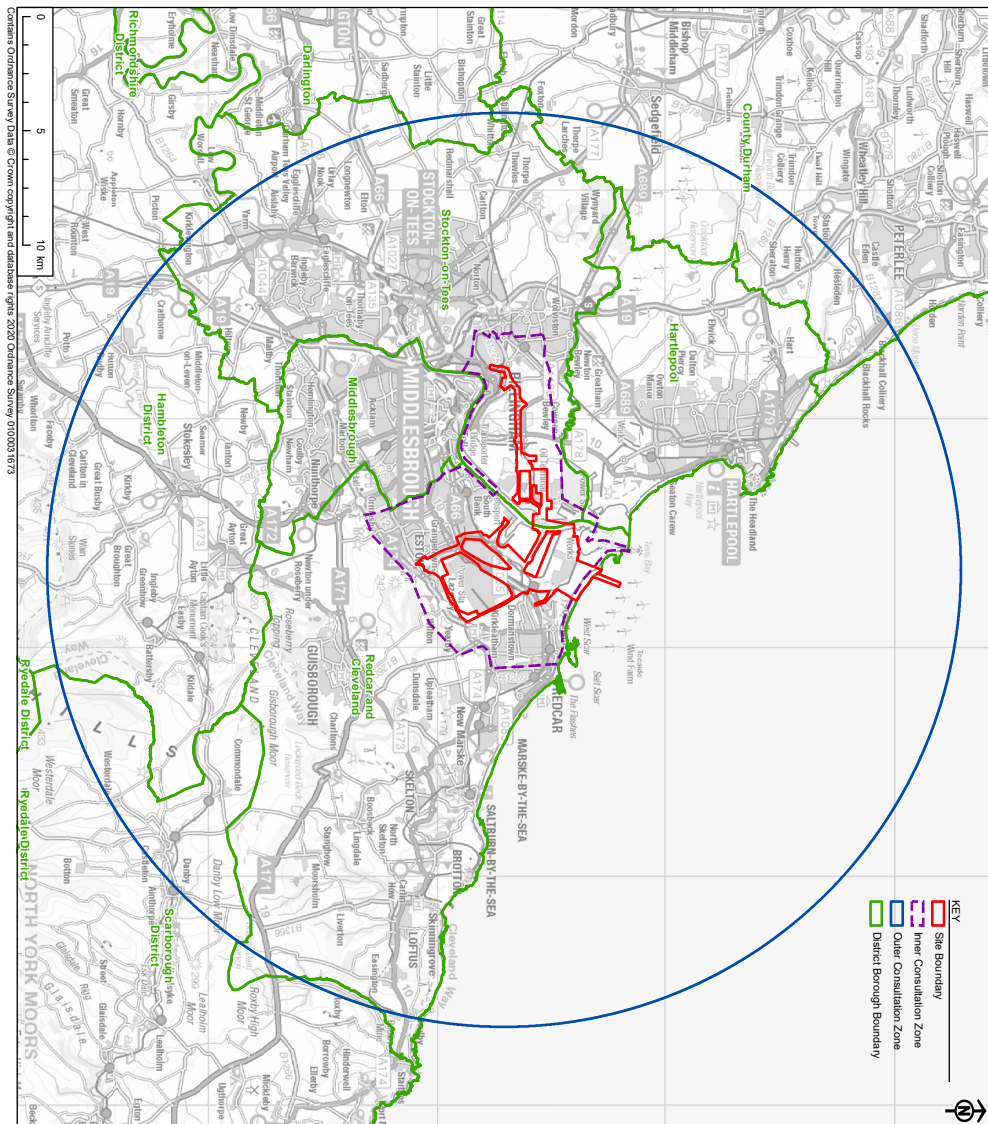
Appendix 1: project site boundary



Appendix 2: plan of main elements of NZT



Appendix 3: Plan of consultation area



Appendix 4: NZT privacy notice

Privacy Notice

This is the privacy notice for NZT Project.

Who we are

NZT is owned by OGCI Climate Investments LLP (OGCI CI) and is being developed on its behalf by BP, Eni, Equinor, Shell and Total (the NZT Partners) with BP leading as operator. Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the Applicants) are the companies formed to promote NZT.

This Privacy Notice provides information on how NZT will collect and process your personal data when you provide your information to us.

It is important that you read this Privacy Notice together with our Privacy Policy at: www.netzeroteesside.co.uk which contains more detail about our data processing.

When we refer to NZT we are referring to the relevant company in NZT responsible processing your data, which may be one of the Applicants, NZT Partners and service providers we appoint to act on our behalf.

Contact details

We have appointed a data privacy manager. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or our data privacy practices please contact us using the following details: nztdpmanager@bp.com

The data we will collect about you

We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you as follows:

- Identity Data - information identifying who you are.
- Contact Data - information NZT may use to contact you.
- Property Data - information about property ownership and occupation.

- Business Data - information about businesses which own, operate from or use the property.

How we will use your personal data

We will only use your personal data for the purpose for which we collect it, including the following:

- Carrying out enquiries into land ownership and occupation, and land values / compensation.
- Communicating with landowners and occupiers about NZT, including negotiations with those people.
- Surveying land that may be affected by NZT.
- Consulting on NZT and reporting to the Secretary of State, Planning Inspectorate or local authorities on the consultation. This may involve passing your personal data to those parties, and in some cases we are required to publish the data as part of a consenting process. The Planning Inspectorate's privacy notice can be viewed here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/help/privacy-and-cookie/>
- Future development and implementation of NZT.

Your personal data will be shared with the Applicants, NZT Partners and their service providers for the purposes of the work of NZT.

You can find out more about how we use and store personal information by reading our Privacy Policy at: www.netzeroteesside.co.uk

