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Dear Sir/Madam

THE NET ZERO TEESIDE PROJECT – LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER REDCAR STEEL WORKS SITE, REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TEESIDE

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NET ZERO TEESIDE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION – 10TH MARCH TO 14TH APRIL 2022

I write on behalf of the Applicants, Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, in respect of the Net Zero Teesside Project (the 'Nzt Project').

The Nzt Development Consent Order Application (the 'Application') was submitted by the Applicants to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, on 19 July 2021. The Application was accepted for examination on 16 August 2021. The Application (Application Reference: EN010103) is currently in the pre-examination period prior to being examined by a panel of Examining Inspectors appointed by PINS (the 'Examining Authority').

Further details of the Nzt Project are provided in the Application. The Application, which comprises an Application Form, draft Development Consent Order (DCO), Land Plans, Works Plans, other plans, drawings and maps, the Environmental Statement and its Non-Technical Summary, a Consultation Report and other documents, is available for inspection free of charge at the Documents tab on the PINS website via the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/the-net-zero-teesside-project/?ipcsection=docs>

Since submission of the Application, the Applicants have continued to engage with Interested Parties with a view to addressing their comments and agreeing common ground, while also continuing with detailed project development. This has included progressing further work on the optionality included in the Application around certain elements of the Nzt Project. This work has identified a number of changes that the Applicants are now seeking to make to the Nzt Project. The changes relate primarily to the optionality included in the Application (particularly around the connection corridors for the Project) and a reduction in land take (or a reduction in the powers sought over land). In addition, there are other minor changes or updates to the Nzt Project.



The changes to the Application would reduce optionality, land take and complexity, and respond to matters raised in the Relevant Representations or in discussions directly with Interested Parties. Their overall effect would therefore be positive in reducing the potential effects of the NZT Project on Interested Parties and affected persons, reducing the number of issues to be considered in the Examination once it commences and simplifying both the Examination and decision-making processes.

In advance of seeking the approval of the Examining Authority to change the Application, the Applicants are carrying out non-statutory consultation on the proposed changes. We are writing to you in connection with this consultation as you were either notified of the acceptance of the Application pursuant to Section 56 of the PA 2008 in October 2021 or have subsequently been identified as a person who has an interest in land that is required for the NZT Project and included within the Application.

A consultation document, which explains the changes being proposed and includes environmental information and plans showing the changes, has been prepared. The consultation document and a copy of the Applicants’ notice publicising this consultation (and providing details of the public information events to be held) can be downloaded using the following secure fileshare link:

<https://dwd.ctit.co/url/nxr8t6hc34ymrkz6>

The consultation document can also be downloaded free of charge from the Consultation Documents tab on the project website:

<https://www.netzeroteesside.co.uk/consultation/>

Should you wish to request a hard copy of the consultation document or a USB containing it please:

- telephone: 020 7489 4837 (09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday); or
- email: consultation@netzeroteesside.co.uk

The proposed changes are summarised in the table below with reference to the relevant Works Numbers (Nos.) set out at Schedule 1 of the draft DCO and shown on the Works Plans:

Proposed changes to the NZT DCO Application

Proposed Change Number	Description
1	Removal of optionality for the Gas Connection by removal of both ‘new build’ options - Option 1A and Option 1B (i.e. removal of the long tunnel between North Tees and the Power Capture and Compression (PCC) site) resulting in a reduction in the Order Limits. There will also be a reduction in land take elsewhere following pre-Front End Engineering Design (pre-FEED) and landowner consultation for the selected Gas Connection – Option 2 (Sembcorp Pipeline Tie-In). (Work No. 2A)
2	Reduction in optionality for the Gas Connection has resulted in the removal of the Above Ground Installation required for Option 1B (Trafigura tie-in and new

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	underground pipeline). This results in a reduction in the Order Limits. (Work No. 2B)
3	Reduction in the Order Limits for Work No. 3A Electrical Connection by removal of the STDC Sub-station at Tod Point and a reduction in land take following landowner consultation. (Work No. 3A)
4	Reduction in the Order Limits for Work No. 5A (repair and upgrade of the existing water discharge infrastructure to the Tees Bay) – to cover the physical extent of the existing outfall and its direct routing to the PCC site only. (Work No. 5A)
5	Reduction in the order limits for Work No. 5C (new wastewater pipelines between Bran Sands Wastewater Treatment Plant and Generating Station) – connection to Bran Sands to reflect a reduction in land take following landowner consultation. (Work No. 5C)
6	Change in optionality for Work No. 6 by removal of Option 1 (Bored Long Tunnel Direct to the PCC site) for the CO ₂ Gathering Network (see also Change 1 for the Gas Connection) resulting in reduction in the Order Limits. It also includes a reduction in other land areas of Work No. 6 following pre-FEED design and landowner consultation. (Work No. 6)
7	A change in the means of crossing the Tees within the Order Limits for Work No. 6 CO ₂ Gathering Network to include Option 3 (Sembcorp No 2 Tunnel). (Work No. 6)
8	Change in the means of crossing the Tees in the Order Limits for Work No. 6 CO ₂ Gathering Network (Horizontal Direction Drilling ('HDD') crossing) as part of Option 2 (HDD) to change the direction of HDD drilling (from Dabholm Gut to North Tees, rather than <i>vice versa</i>) following pre-FEED design and landowner consultation. (Work No. 6)
9	Reduction in the Order Limits for Work No. 9 Temporary Construction and Laydown Areas to reflect a reduction in land take following pre-FEED design and landowner consultation. (Work Nos. 9A, 9B and 9F)
10	Minor increase in the Order Limits for Work No. 9 Temporary Construction and Laydown Areas to include an additional land-parcel at Saltholme Laydown (Work No. 9D) to allow access to Seaton Carew Road. (Work No 9D)
11	Changing Work No. for pipe stringing for a land parcel on the Teesworks site from Work No. 5A to Work No. 9A. (Work No. 9A)
12	Addition of part of Seal Sands Road from Work No. 2A to Work No. 10 Access and Highways Improvements, to allow access to Navigator Terminals from the public road network following removal of Gas Connection Option 1A (National

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	Grid Gas tie-in and new underground pipeline) and Option 1B (Trafigura Tie-In and new underground pipeline) from Work No. 2A (linked to Change No. 1). (Work No. 10)
13	Removal of a small parcel of land in the Seal Sands area and from STDC land from Work No. 10 Access and Highways Improvements as no longer required following pre-FEED design. (Work No. 10)

Responding to the consultation

Any responses to this consultation must be submitted to the Applicants no later than **14 April 2022** via one of the methods below:

- emailing comments to: consultation@netzeroteesside.co.uk; or
- by post to: FREEPOST Net Zero Teesside

This consultation is being carried out in accordance with the PINS Advice Note 16 'How to request a change which may be material', which can be viewed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-16/>

Yours faithfully



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