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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
and any other person invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010103

Date: 11 April 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6, Rule 9, Rule 13 and Rule 16

Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Net Zero Teesside Project

Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting and Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the procedure for the examination of the **Net Zero Teesside** project. It contains a number of important annexes, including **Annex A** (the agenda). **Annex B** introduces the Preliminary Meeting, explains how it will be conducted and how you can participate.

Date of meeting: **Tuesday 10 May 2022**

**Seating available /
Arrangements Conference
from:** **9.30am**

Meeting begins: **10.00am**

Venue: **Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams)¹ and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ**

Access and parking **Free on-site parking**

¹ Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate.

Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to the Examining Authority (ExA) about how the application should be examined. We cannot hear representations about the merits of, or concerns about, the application at the Preliminary Meeting. These matters will only be considered once the Examination starts, which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. See **Annex B** to this letter and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.3: the Preliminary Meeting](#) for more information.

The agenda for the meeting is at **Annex A** to this letter. This has been set following our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues arising from our reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. The Initial Assessment of Principal Issues is set out in **Annex C** to this letter.

The draft Examination Timetable is set out at **Annex D** to this letter, and we wish to hear from you if you consider changes need to be made to the timetable.

The Preliminary Meeting will be held as a hybrid event. This means that it will take place as a virtual event using Microsoft Teams as well as a physical 'in-person' event. For future hearings forming part of the examination of this project the ExA may consider whether they should be held as virtual or hybrid events. The ExA would welcome Interested Parties views on this matter at the Preliminary Meeting.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting, please contact the Case Team using the details set out at the top of this letter, confirming whether you wish to participate virtually through Microsoft Teams or attend the meeting in person. Please confirm this **no later than Friday 29 April 2022**.

Because participation in a Preliminary Meeting by virtual means relies on the provision of a joining link or telephone number in advance, it is important that you think about whether you wish to speak and confirm your involvement. Alternatively, if you feel that you are unable to engage in the Preliminary Meeting and further Examination events through any of the methods described in [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#), please contact the Case Team to discuss how you can participate in the Preliminary Meeting.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if, as part of the above confirmation you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- if attending in person notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

The Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process. We will use it to make Procedural Decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting.

We wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. However, please note that you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination. If you are an Interested Party, you will still be able to make a Written Representation and comments on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing.

The Preliminary Meeting will be livestreamed and recorded. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter (known as the Rule 8 letter) setting out the finalised Examination Timetable.

The Examination will principally be a written process (see [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings (see [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#)).

The Planning Act 2008 establishes a principally written process for the examination of applications for Development Consent Orders and **representations made in writing carry equal weight to oral representations** at all stages of the process.

All important and relevant matters will be taken into account when we make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will take the final decision in this case.

Notification of Hearings

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) into the scope of the Proposed Development on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 2.00pm shortly after the close of the Preliminary Meeting. Important information about this ISH is contained within **Annex E** with an Agenda provided at **Annex F**.

We have also made Procedural Decisions to hold a second ISH, into the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) at 10.00am on Wednesday 11 May 2022 and a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) at 2.00pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022. **Annex E** provides notice of these decisions and Agenda are provided at **Annex G** and **H**.

If you wish to make oral representations at any of these hearings, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter. We will need to receive notice of your attendance **no later than Friday 29 April 2022**.

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

In addition to the hearings notified above, we have made some further Procedural Decisions. They are summarised as follows:

- notification of an initial Accompanied Site Inspection to take place on Thursday 12 May 2022 and the notification by Interested Parties of their wish to attend;
- the setting of deadlines for the submission of Statements of Common Ground;
- requests for regular updated documents throughout the Examination including an updated Guide to the Application and a Compulsory Acquisition Schedule;
- requests for Local Impact Reports by Deadline 1; and
- the acceptance of post-application Additional Submissions into the Examination.

These Procedural Decisions are set out in full at **Annex I** and should be read carefully, alongside the draft Examination Timetable in **Annex C**. Some of our Procedural Decisions provide you with the opportunity to take action before the date for the Preliminary Meeting and/ or set dates that require you to take action shortly after that date. If you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of these decisions, please attend the Preliminary Meeting. We will give careful consideration to all matters raised there before confirming the Examination Timetable and Procedural Decisions for this Examination.

Applicants' Intention to Submit a Request to Make Changes to the Application

In a letter dated 18 February 2022 the Applicants gave notice of their intention to submit a request to make changes to the DCO application. This letter has been published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) and has the Examination Library reference [AS-043]. It is accompanied by a document 'Notification of Proposed Changes to the NZT DCO Application' [AS-044].

Together the above documents outlined the proposed changes to the DCO application and provided further detail regarding the changes proposed to the original NZT project. They also stated that as the proposed changes may be considered material by the ExA, non-statutory consultation would be carried out prior to making the formal change request commencing during the week beginning 8 March and continuing until 14 April 2022. It is the Applicants' intention to make a formal change request to the ExA by 28 April 2022.

Responding to the Applicants' submission [AS-043], in a letter dated 24 February 2022 [PD-008] we noted that the changes relate primarily to the optionality included in the DCO application, particularly around the connection corridors for the Project, and a reduction in land take (or a reduction in the powers sought over land), together with other minor changes or updates to the Project. We also provided advice regarding the procedural implications of the proposed changes and guidance on the need, scope and nature of the consultation that the Applicants propose to undertake.

If the ExA decides to accept the proposed changes into the Examination all Interested Parties will have an opportunity to make representations on the changed application, in writing or orally at hearings, when the Examination commences. Because the proposed changes have not been formally submitted to the ExA the draft timetable at Annex D does not make provision for representations to address any proposed changes. However, should the proposed changes be submitted and accepted into the Examination before the Preliminary Meeting, the implications for the Examination timetable will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting and any amendments confirmed in the Rule 8 letter.

Managing Examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

Up to date information, all of the application documents and correspondence about the project and the Examination will be provided on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#). As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with this resource.

The 'Make a submission' tab will become available on the website shortly which provides a portal through which parties will be able to make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the Examination. Further information about the 'Make a submission' tab is included at **Annex K**.

There is a function on the right-hand side of the project webpage called 'E-mail updates'. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#)

If your reference number begins with '2002', 'NZTP-0', 'NZTP-AFP', 'NZTP-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'NZTP-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'NZTP-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If, however, having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Awards of costs

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex J** to this letter.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Gleeson

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

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Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2022

**Seating available/
Arrangements Conference
from:** 9.30am

Meeting start time: 10.00am

Venue: Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams)¹ and the
Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block,
Redcar and Cleveland College,
Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ

Access and parking: Free on-site parking

A public livestream of the meeting will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the meeting is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe the meeting.

9.30am	Seating available/ Arrangements Conference The Arrangements Conference will outline the house keeping for the Preliminary Meeting for those people attending virtually and allow for an opportunity to raise any concerns about participating in the meeting.
10.00am	Welcome and introduction
Item 1	The Preliminary Meeting will formally open at 10.00am. The Examining Authority will welcome participants and lead introductions.
Item 2	The Examining Authority's remarks about the Examination process including reference, where appropriate, to any procedural requests to this item that have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in writing by 29 April 2022 – Annex B
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues – Annex C
Item 4	Procedural Decisions taken by the ExA – Annex I
Item 5	Draft Examination Timetable – Annex D
Item 6	Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection – Annexes E, F, G and H
Item 7	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

¹ Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who register to participate

Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The agenda for the Preliminary Meeting is subject to change at the discretion of the Examining Authority (ExA), although in making changes the ExA will be mindful of the need to provide opportunities for fair involvement to all Interested Parties. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items and may introduce breaks in the proceedings.

Please make sure that you read the National Infrastructure Planning/ Planning Inspectorate Privacy notice before attending the Preliminary Meeting:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacynotices/customer-privacy-notice>

Introduction to the Preliminary Meeting

Background

The Preliminary Meeting (PM) for the Net Zero Teesside Project will take place as a hybrid event comprising a physical, face-to-face PM as well as a virtual event using Microsoft Teams.

The Examining Authority (ExA) is conscious of videoconferencing fatigue and will aim to keep the proceedings focussed and as efficient as possible. This annex provides advance access to information that would usually be included in the ExA's introductory remarks following the opening of the PM. Please read this carefully. The ExA will only present a summary of the key points set out here at the PM, in order to ensure that the time available for participants to speak is maximised.

The Examining Authority

The members of the ExA, Kevin Gleeson, Susan Hunt and Beth Davies who are appointed by the Secretary of State, will introduce themselves at the start of the PM. The ExA's appointment letter can be found in the Examination Library under reference ([PD-004](#)).

The Case Team

The ExA will be supported by the Planning Inspectorate Case Team. Siân Evans is the Case Manager, and Attila Borsos and Alberto Santamaria are the Case Officers. Members of the Case Team will be available to answer questions by email before and after the PM and in person at the PM. The contact email address is: NetZeroTeessideProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The PM is being held to discuss the arrangements for the examination of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Net Zero Teesside project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and which will generally be referred to in the PM and Examination as the 'Proposed Development'. The application has been made by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, which will be referred to as 'the Applicants'.

You will find information about the application, and, in due course, documents produced for the Examination on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website ('NI Planning website'). This has a dedicated landing page for the project with links to Examination procedure, the Examination Timetable, Relevant Representations and Examination documents. The relevant NI Planning website landing page is: [Net Zero Teesside Project](#).

You are encouraged to explore the NI Planning website landing page if you have not already done so, because it will be used to communicate with you and to provide access to documents throughout the Examination. There is the option on the project

page to register to receive updates and we would also encourage you do this so that you will receive a notification via e-mail at key stages during the Examination.

The main purpose of the PM is to discuss how the application should be examined. It focuses on the process only, and it will not be looking at the substance of the proposals: questions, discussions and representations about the merits or concerns about the Proposed Development are for the Examination itself which will begin after the close of the PM.

The PM will be your opportunity to influence the process that we intend to follow, and you should read this Rule 6 letter and all accompanying annexes thoroughly beforehand. The agenda for the PM is attached to this Rule 6 letter at **Annex A**. It is important to have the letter and the agenda in front of you and to refer to them during the PM. If you are participating virtually and not experienced with videoconferencing you may wish to print these in advance of the PM for reference.

Government guidance and policy

The Proposed Development is an NSIP under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) being an application for the construction, operation and maintenance of an onshore electricity generating station in England that would have a generating capacity greater than 50 megawatts and therefore within the scope of sections 14(1)(a) and 15 of the PA2008. The application includes associated development under Section 115(1)(b) and by direction under Section 35(1) and 35ZA of the PA2008.

The designated National Policy Statements (NPS) for Energy Infrastructure (specifically the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statements: EN-2, Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure; EN-4, Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines; and EN-5, Electricity Network Infrastructure apply to this Examination and to decision-making relating to this application

The ExA will consider the Proposed Development in accordance with the NPSs and any other applicable policy or considerations the ExA deem to be important and relevant. The PA2008 makes it clear that, in making a decision, the relevant Secretary of State (SoS) "*must decide the application in accordance with any relevant NPS*" (s104(3)), subject to certain provisos. Essentially, the provisos are that the application must not breach legal or treaty obligations, and that any adverse impact of the Proposed Development would not outweigh its benefits.

The SoS is entitled to disregard any representations that relate to the merits of the designated NPS. In practice, this means that the ExA will not spend time examining representations that challenge policy set out in NPSs, or the validity of NPSs themselves. The focus will be on the merits of or concerns about the Proposed Development, tested to the appropriate extent using the tests set out in relevant designated NPSs that are in force.

Other important and relevant matters that the ExA may consider include policies in the relevant local authorities' development plans. However, if these conflict with policy in a NPS, then the NPS will take precedence.

In summary, the PM will establish the procedures and timetable for the Examination of the Proposed Development. It will set a framework for the ExA to enable the SoS to consider and decide the application, by identifying relevant policy and examining the application in the light of it. In doing so, the ExA will have regard to:

- The positions and representations of all Interested Parties (IPs);
- any Local Impact Reports (LIR) prepared and provided by relevant local authorities;
- other prescribed matters; and
- any other matters that appear to be both important and relevant to the relevant SoS's decision.

Preliminary Meeting invitees

The Applicants are invited to the PM and are generally given the opportunity to reply to any representations made, either orally at the time or in writing following the closure of the meeting.

Everyone who has made a Relevant Representation has been registered as an IP and has been sent a copy of this Rule 6 letter. Each IP is entitled to participate in this Examination.

Each person or organisation with an interest in land or rights that are affected by a Compulsory Acquisition request in this application is an Affected Person (AP). In addition to a general entitlement to involvement in the Examination, APs have a right to be heard in relation to any objection about the effects of Compulsory Acquisition on their interests in land, and a right to request and be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. APs are IPs, whether or not they have made a Relevant Representation.

Certain bodies are Statutory Parties. Statutory Parties can elect to become IPs without having made a Relevant Representation.

The ExA has the power to involve people who are not IPs in the Examination as though they are IPs, including by inviting them to the PM. However, this is only done in exceptional circumstances, for example if it were clear that the application would materially affect a person, they are not automatically eligible to elect to become an IP and they had been unable to take the necessary action to register as an IP.

Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting

Past experience suggests that a PM for a project of this size and complexity could take up to a few hours to complete. However, in running the event virtually there are limitations on the number of people who can speak at any one time.

During the PM participants may have to make allowances and be patient if there are delays associated with the technology used. In recognition of the fatigue associated with on-screen communication, the ExA will provide breaks during the PM as

appropriate. For those who pre-register to be involved your joining instructions will provide more information about this.

A digital recording will be made available on the project page of the NI Planning website as soon as practicable following the PM. The digital recording allows any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at the PM, whether they are able to attend or observe the meeting or not. The making and publication of these recordings are a means by which we meet the legal requirement to hold these events in public. In this regard, anyone speaking at the PM will need to introduce themselves each time they speak, to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking. A written note of the PM will be produced and published as soon as practicable following the closure of the PM.

As the digital recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) applies. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they include personal and private information in any submissions.

The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the DCO. If you actively participate in the PM, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording will be made available in the public domain. Please see our [Privacy Notice](#) for more information about how we handle your data.

Following the ExA's introductions, each participant who has been registered to speak will be asked to introduce themselves, including any organisations or groups that they represent. The ExA will then conduct the meeting in accordance with the agenda. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch off your camera at any point.

The Examination process

The examination of NSIPs follows different processes to those, for example, of a Public Inquiry into a planning appeal following the refusal of planning permission. The main difference is that the examination of NSIPs is primarily a written process and hearings take on an inquisitorial approach as opposed to an adversarial one.

This means that the ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence primarily using written questions. While some hearings are held to provide supplementary evidence, questions to the Applicants or to witnesses will come from the ExA. Questioning or cross-examination of witnesses by other parties will not generally be allowed.

In terms of opportunities to provide evidence in writing, the draft Examination Timetable makes provision for the following written processes:

- Local authorities can submit LIRs if they wish. Whilst these are voluntary, the PA2008 provides that if they are provided, they must be considered by the SoS in reaching a decision. Consequently, LIRs are a very important method for local authorities to communicate issues of concern to the ExA, the SoS and their own residents.
- IPs can make Written Representations (WRs) and comment on WRs made by other parties.
- IPs can respond to the ExA's written questions (ExQs) and comment on responses to these written questions provided by others.
- IPs may be asked to contribute to the making of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) if it appears that there are matters on which they and the Applicants agree, and if it would be useful for this to be clarified. SoCGs most usefully extend to catalogue matters that are not agreed or are outstanding.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a series of numbered deadlines for the receipt of written submissions. Timely submissions received by the relevant deadline and that address its purpose will be accepted. Documents received after the relevant deadline are only accepted at the discretion of the ExA and may not be accepted to ensure fairness to all parties. Circumstances where documents are submitted late without good reason, causing inconvenience or delay to other parties can amount to unreasonable behaviour.

These written processes will be the principal means used by the ExA to gather information, evidence and views about the application. However, the Examination will only be effective if all parties resolve to give timely, full, frank, clear and evidenced answers to every question that is relevant to their interests and to engage fully with any other related processes such as the completion of WRs and SoCGs.

There is no merit in withholding or delaying information, or in failing to co-operate, and should it occur, any unreasonable behaviour that caused another party to incur wasted expenditure could lead to an award of costs against the offending party: [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders.](#)

The ExA has discretion to make amendments to the Examination Timetable for the wider benefit of the Examination. If possible, events will be arranged for times when all relevant parties are available, but the ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination by the end of the six-month period beginning the day after the close of the PM. This requirement is set by legislation, and while the ExA will try to rearrange event dates to accommodate all relevant parties, in practice there will be limited scope to alter dates set out in the draft Examination Timetable.

The statutory time limit for the Examination means that where there are matters that still need to be discussed and agreed between the Applicants and IPs, it will be very helpful to the ExA if these could be progressed as early as possible.

Hearings

The draft Examination Timetable includes provision for hearings, at which the ExA takes oral evidence from the various parties.

Any registered IP may request an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) to make oral representations about the application if they believe this to be preferable to relying on their written representation, though both carry equal weight. Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing, but they should not simply repeat matters previously covered in the written submission. Rather, they should focus on specific detail and explanation to help inform the ExA. There should be no new or unexpected material in oral representations. A written summary note with any supporting evidence or references will be requested of each speaker following the hearing.

As with all Examination events, OFHs are subject to the powers of control of the ExA, as set out in the PA2008 and supporting legislation. Participants must register in advance by the deadline shown in the Examination Timetable and in accordance with the instructions, an agenda may be circulated. It is common practice for the ExA to set a time limit for each speaker and speakers with common points are asked to come together to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, to avoid repetition. Speakers representing public authorities, community and membership organisations or multiple IPs are normally provided with an additional time allowance, recognising their representative role.

The Applicants' draft DCO provides for the Compulsory Acquisition of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession of land. Affected Persons (ie those whose land or rights over land are affected) have a right to request and be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). If one or more APs request to be heard, then a CAH must be held. A Procedural Decision has been made to hold the first CAH (CAH1) on 11 May 2022 and provision is made in the draft Examination Timetable for further CAHs along with deadlines by which requests to be heard must be submitted.

The ExA has the discretion to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) if it would aid in the Examination and there is a specific reason this would be more helpful than reliance on written evidence only. The lack of an ISH on one or more topics does not suggest that that topic is less important than others which are subject to a hearing. Rather, it is an indication that the ExA is satisfied that the issues can be fully considered through written submissions and responses to its written questions and that each party has had a fair opportunity to put its case.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a number of reservations for ISHs and IPs may make suggestions for topics in their written or oral representations to the PM.

It may be necessary for the ExA to hold more than one ISH on the draft DCO. This is normal practice, and they are held on a without prejudice basis. Parties can suggest modifications and amendments to the draft DCO provided with the Proposed Development application by the Applicants, without prejudicing their overall position on the application.

Holding such hearings does not imply that the ExA has reached any judgements on the merits of the application. Whatever the ultimate recommendation is, the ExA must make sure that the draft DCO is fit for purpose if the SoS decides to grant consent, as any consent will be subject to Requirements (ie conditions) set out in the DCO.

At hearings it will not normally be necessary for parties to make long and detailed submissions that require (for example) PowerPoint presentations. Any supporting detail/ information can be provided in writing following the event by the relevant deadline.

Site inspections

As part of the Examination process the ExA undertakes site inspections. The purpose of these is for the ExA to see features of the proposals within the context of the evidence put forward. Site inspections can be either unaccompanied or accompanied. On 1 March 2022 members of the ExA undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) to familiarise themselves with the general area within which the application is located. A note of the USI is available on the project website [EV-001].

Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) will only be necessary to view land to which there is no public right of access, or with no clear view from nearby locations with open public access. The purpose of ASIs is familiarisation only and no discussion of the merits of the Proposed Development will be entertained during an ASI.

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision to undertake an initial ASI on 12 May 2022 to view the application site at the start of the Examination. Further details are provided in **Annex I** of the Rule 6 letter. Holding an early ASI does not preclude the ExA from undertaking further ASIs whether requested by IPs or not.

The draft Examination Timetable includes a deadline for IPs to make submissions suggesting sites and locations that the ExA should visit. These will be used to inform further USIs as well as possible ASIs.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). It has been prepared by the Examining Authority (ExA) following its reading of:

- the application documents;
- the Relevant Representations received in respect of the application; and
- its consideration of any other important and relevant matters.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of the issues that will be subject to examination and inevitably some issues will overlap or interrelate. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues listed is alphabetic and does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not listed as main issues.

It should also be noted that whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as main issues, the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these in mind.

1. Air Quality and Emissions

- Air quality assessment methodology and assumptions used to inform modelling and assessment of risks, including the approach to amines.
- Effects of the Proposed Development on human health and ecological receptors, during construction and operation.
- Potential impacts on human health and ecological receptors from dust during construction and the adequacy of proposed mitigation measures.

2. Biodiversity and Ecology (including Habitats Regulations Assessment)

- Potential effects on the ecological value of species and habitats (including ornithology) in the terrestrial, aquatic and marine environments.
- Implications for the integrity of designated sites including European sites, nationally designated sites, regionally and locally designated sites and habitats of nature conservation importance. Specifically, the effect on the integrity of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA/ Ramsar site and features of interest of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI.
- Potential cumulative and in-combination impacts.
- Adequacy and security of proposed mitigation, monitoring and management.
- Opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity.

3. Climate Change

- The effects of the construction and operation of the Proposed Development on climate change.
- The overall change in greenhouse gas emissions that may arise from the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.
- Emissions of greenhouse gases arising from the development, including during its operational phase.
- The timetable for Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS) deployment.
- The effectiveness of measures to mitigate the effects of, or adapt to, climate change.
- The appropriateness of a target/ trigger in the DCO to ensure carbon emissions generated by the power plant are captured.

4. Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession

- The need for and amount of land, rights and powers sought to be compulsorily acquired.
- Whether the temporary possession powers sought are justified and proportionate.
- Whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for the compulsory acquisition of the land, rights and powers sought.
- Whether all reasonable alternatives to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession have been fully explored.
- Whether adequate funding is likely to be available to enable the Applicants to carry out the compulsory acquisition within the statutory period.
- Effects on Statutory Undertaker land and apparatus, including the approach to Protective Provisions.
- The approach to the identification of Category 3 parties.
- Whether the proposals meet the requirements of PA2008 in all other respects.

5. Design and Landscape and Visual Effects

- The approach to landscape and visual impact assessment, including the extent of the study area.
- Whether the maximum scale parameters 'Rochdale Envelope' with regard to Work Nos 1 and 7 (PCC site) are appropriate.
- The flexible approach to the design parameters and the adequacy of the design information.
- Consideration of design options and how they can be secured.
- The effects on landscape character including any local and national designations.
- The visual effects on the landscape and the likely receptors including recreational users and tourists.
- The identification of locally valued views.
- Landscaping and boundary treatment.
- Lighting.

6. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

- The construction, form, extent and definitions of the dDCO.
- The appropriateness of proposed provisions.
- Deemed Marine Licence matters.
- The effectiveness of the proposed requirements and protective provisions.
- Relationships with other projects and consents including connections to the CO₂ gathering network.
- Process for the discharge of Requirements.
- The approach to and effectiveness of mitigation measures.
- Whether the dDCO is satisfactory in all other respects.

7. Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination

- Timing, scope and responsibility for ground investigation, remediation and monitoring.
- Assessment of risks to human health and controlled waters, including a hydrogeological conceptual model.
- Options for foundations and the environmental implications of these, including geotechnical risks.
- Potential loss of access to safeguarded mineral deposits.

8. Historic Environment

- The effects on designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings.
- The effects on archaeological remains and whether further investigation is required to understand potential significant deposits.

9. Major Accidents and Natural Disasters

- Potential cumulative effects of minor events.
- Mitigation, including the emergency action plans, measures for the CO₂ gathering network and the firewater containment system.
- Assessment of loss of *inter alia* gaseous containment, geohazards, loss of water supply and discharge and staff shortages.
- Potential effects on the safety and monitoring of surrounding sites.

10. Noise and Vibration

- Construction, operational and decommissioning noise and vibration effects on local residents, businesses, recreational users and wildlife.
- Mitigation measures and their effectiveness.
- Management and monitoring of operational noise effects.

11. Proposed Development, Site Selection Infrastructure and Cumulative and Combined Effects

- Consideration of reasonable alternatives, including locations within the site and alternative technologies.
- The scope of the Proposed Development as a CCUS project.
- The scope of the CO₂ gathering network.
- The lifecycle of the Proposed Development.
- The relationship with and implications for existing and proposed neighbouring uses or infrastructure and other proposed major projects including the offshore elements of the NZT project, Zerocarbon Humber, East Coast Cluster and the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm.
- The approach to cumulative and combined effects.
- Construction methodology, phasing and timetabling.
- Effects of/ on utilities and other pipelines and infrastructure both existing and proposed.
- Whether all other necessary consents and licences have been considered.

12. Socio-Economics and Tourism

- Effects on the local and wider economy during construction and operation.
- Effects on recreational users and tourism.

13. Traffic and Transport and Public Rights of Way

- Construction effects on the surrounding road network.
- Alternative access points.
- Effects on non-motorised users including users of the public rights of way network.
- The approach to the delivery of abnormal loads.

14. Water Environment

- Assessment of risks to controlled waters, human health and biodiversity, including water features in the dunes.
- Compliance with the Water Framework Directive (WFD), including provision for enhancement and restoration of water bodies, and WFD objectives for the Tees Estuary Transitional waterbody.
- Discharge of water and the strategy for the outfall into Tees Bay.
- Application of the sequential test.
- Risk to construction workers, access and structures in Flood Zones 2 and 3.
- Escape routes for workers during operation.
- Assessment of groundwater flooding.

Draft Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Due Date
	<p>Procedural Deadline</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on the Examination procedure and draft Examination Timetable including any submissions about the use of virtual procedures • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting including which agenda items you wish to speak on, points you wish to make and why these need to be made orally rather than in writing. 	<p>Friday 29 April 2022</p>
1	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 10 May 2022 10.00am</p>
2	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISH1 on the scope of the Proposed Development 	<p>Tuesday 10 May 2022 2.00pm</p>
3	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISH2 on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) 	<p>Wednesday 11 May 2022 10.00am</p>
4	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)</p>	<p>Wednesday 11 May 2022 2.00pm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAH1 on the Applicants' compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) case and on any CA and TP objections (if there are requests to be heard) 	
5	<p>Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASI1 to inspect the Order land where no public right of access is available 	<p>Thursday 12 May 2022 9.00am</p>
6	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) 	<p>As soon as practicable after the close of the Preliminary Meeting</p>
7	<p>Deadline 1</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from Local Authorities • Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA (see Annex I) • Statements of Commonality for SoCGs (see Annex I) • Revised Status of Negotiations Schedule • Notification of Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Notification of wish to speak at any further Issue Specific Meeting (ISH) • Notification of wish to speak at any further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) • Submission of suggested sites to be included in any further Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) including reasons why the site needs to be visited on an accompanied basis and any access requirements • Notification of wish to attend a further ASI • Revised Application Guide 	<p>Thursday 26 May 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to have any future correspondence received electronically • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules² 	
8	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's ExQ1 • Responses to comments on Relevant Representations • Written Representations (WRs), including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Comments on LIRs • Updated SoCG • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG • Revised Status of Negotiations Schedule • Applicants to provide a draft itinerary for the ASI • Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions) • Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 1 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Thursday 9 June 2022
9	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ1 • Responses to comments on LIRs • Comments on WRs • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 2 • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs 	Thursday 23 June 2022

² The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on the Applicants' dDCO • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Applicants to provide a draft itinerary for the ASI • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
10	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on WRs • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 3 • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions) • Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on the Applicants' draft itinerary for the ASI • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Thursday 7 July 2022
11	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISH3 on the dDCO 	Tuesday 12 July 2022 10.00am
12	Date Reserved for Open Floor Hearing	Tuesday 12 July 2022 (evening event, time tbc)
13	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2)	Wednesday 13 July 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAH2 on the Applicants' compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) case and on any CA and TP objections (if there are requests to be heard) 	10.00am
14	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISH4 on environmental matters 	Thursday 14 July 2022 10.00am
15	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISH4 on environmental matters 	Friday 15 July 2022 10.00am
16	Deadline 5 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions, including written submission of oral case and any post-hearing notes requested at the hearings held during w/c 16 May 2022 • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 4 • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions) • Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Tuesday 2 August 2022
17	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) 	Tuesday 9 August 2022
18	Deadline 6	Tuesday 23 August 2022

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's ExQ2 • Comments on the Applicants' proposed changes to the dDCO • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 5 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
19	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ2 • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 6 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Thursday 1 September 2022</p>
20	<p>Hearings and ASI</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearings (if required) • Open Floor Hearings (if required) • Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (if required) • ASI (if required) 	<p>Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 9 September 2022</p>
21	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required). • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) 	<p>Tuesday 20 September 2022</p>

22	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing submissions, including written submission of oral case and any post-hearing notes requested at the hearings (if required) held during w/c 11 July 2022 • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Updated dDCO (clean and tracked versions) • Updated schedule of changes to the dDCO • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 7 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Tuesday 20 September 2022</p>
23	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if required) • Updated SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Revised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) • Updated Book of Reference • Updated Statement of Reasons • Comments on the ExA's proposed changes to the dDCO (if required) • Revised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) • Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 8 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Thursday 6 October 2022</p>
24	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p>	<p>Thursday 13 October</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) 	2022
25	<p>Hearings and ASI</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Specific Hearings (if required) Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (if required) ASI (if required) 	<p>Monday 17 October 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022</p>
26	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post hearing submissions, including written submission of oral case and any post-hearing notes requested at the hearings (if required) Responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required) Responses to comments on the RIES Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 9 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	<p>Wednesday 26 October 2022</p>
27	<p>Deadline 11</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required) Finalised SoCGs (clean and tracked versions) Finalised Statement of Commonality for SoCGs Finalised Statement of Negotiations Schedule (clean and tracked versions) Finalised dDCO (clean and tracked versions) Finalised schedule of changes to the dDCO Finalised Explanatory Memorandum Updated and finalised Environmental Statement 	<p>Tuesday 1 November 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalised Application Guide (clean and tracked versions) Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 10 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	
28	<p>Deadline 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 11 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules 	Monday 7 November 2022
29	<p>End of Examination</p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months</p> <p>Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	Thursday 10 November 2022

Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is **23:59** on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA. The acceptance of documents received after the expiry of a deadline is subject to the exercise of discretion by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#), as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. See **Annex J** of this letter for more information.

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the ExA will publish a high-level agenda alongside the notification of the hearing to help inform your decision about whether to register to participate. A detailed draft agenda will be made available on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However,

the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For Open Floor Hearings agendas may not be published.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Notification of Hearings

The first Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) will be held as follows:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue	Access and parking
Tuesday 10 May 2022	Issue Specific Hearing into the scope of the Proposed Development (ISH1)	2.00pm	Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ	Free on-site parking
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (ISH2)	10.00am	Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ	Free on-site parking
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)	2.00pm	Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ	Free on-site parking

Information about hearings is included in the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note 8.5: The examination: hearings and site inspections', available on the National Infrastructure Planning website here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advicenotes>

If you wish to attend any of these hearings please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter no later than **Friday 29 April 2022**, stating:

- whether you wish to speak at the hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and
- notifying us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Seating will be available at the venue 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearing will finish as soon as the Examining Authority (ExA) deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered. Depending on the numbers wishing to speak at the hearing, it may be necessary for the ExA to limit the time allocated to each speaker.

Hearing agendas

Please note that generally for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition hearings the ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

The agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) into the scope of the Proposed Development (ISH1) is at **Annex F**, the agenda for ISH2 into the draft Development Consent Order is attached as **Annex G**, and the agenda for the first Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) is at **Annex H**.

Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing into the scope of the Proposed Development (ISH1)

This document sets out the agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) as notified by the Examining Authority (ExA) in **Annex E**.

Date:	Tuesday 10 May 2022
Time:	2:00pm, room opens / Arrangements Conference from 1:30pm
Venue:	Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ
Access and Parking:	Free on-site parking

Background

This early hearing on the scope of the Proposed Development is being held to address matters, issues and questions identified by the ExA during the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues as listed in **Annex C**. The ExA will not examine matters arising from the content of individual Relevant Representations (RRs) at this hearing. These are matters that will be the subject of consideration as the examination progresses, in writing or orally as required, following the submission of Written Representations (WRs).

The ExA considers that as the Applicants have identified the technology as a 'First of a Kind' full chain Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS) development it is expedient to examine some matters, issues and questions orally at the outset of the Examination in order to ensure that technical matters arising from the Proposed Development are identified and considered as early as possible. This hearing, and any subsequent hearings, will be held without prejudice to the ExA's consideration of the broader planning merits of the application.

All IPs are invited to attend the hearing and each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing.

The ExA requests that the following attendees participate in ISH1 into the dDCO:

- **Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the Applicants)** - including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda;
- **Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC);**
- **Stockton on Tees Borough Council (STBC);**
- **South Tees Development Corporation (STDC);**
- **Environment Agency (EA);**
- **Marine Management Organisation (MMO);** and
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** - with an interest in the scope of the Proposed Development.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

The following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing

The ExA will consider:

- The need for the Proposed Development;
- The Proposed Development in the context of the Net Zero Strategy;
- Components of the Net Zero Teesside Project;
- Alternatives;
- The extent of the CO₂ Gathering Network.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets []. The application version of the dDCO (Revision 0) has the reference [APP-005].

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, and arrangements for the Issue Specific Hearing

2. Purpose of the Hearing

3. The Need for the Proposed Development

- The ExA will ask the Applicants about the need for the Proposed Development in the context of the Project Need Statement [AS-015] and emerging Government policies.

4. The Proposed Development in the context of the Net Zero Strategy

The ExA will ask the Applicants about:

- The relationship of NZT to Zerocarbon Humber and the Northern Endurance Partnership.

5. Components of the Net Zero Teesside Project

- The Applicants will be asked to provide an overview about the offshore elements of the project, their timing and why they are not included in the DCO application.
- The Applicants will be asked to explain the potential of the project to produce low carbon hydrogen.

6. Alternatives

- The ExA will ask the Applicants to provide an overview of the alternative technologies considered with reference to section 6.3 of the Environmental Statement [APP-088].
- The ExA will ask the Applicants to provide an overview of the alternative connection routing and corridors considered with reference to section 6.6 of the Environmental Statement [APP-088].

7. The Extent of the CO₂ Gathering Network

- The Applicants will be asked to provide an overview about the reach of the CO₂ Gathering Network and its potential for expansion.

8. Review of issues and actions arising

9. Any other business

10. Closure of the Hearing

Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order (ISH2)

This document sets out the agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) as notified by the Examining Authority (ExA) in **Annex E**.

Date:	Wednesday 11 May 2022
Time:	10:00am, room opens / Arrangements Conference from 9:30am
Venue:	Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ
Access and Parking:	Free on-site parking

Background

This early hearing on the dDCO is being held to address matters, issues and questions identified by the ExA during the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues as listed in **Annex C**. The ExA will not examine matters arising from the content of individual Relevant Representations (RRs) at this hearing. These are matters that will be the subject of consideration as the Examination progresses, in writing or orally as required, following the submission of Written Representations (WRs).

The ExA considers that it is expedient to examine some matters, issues and questions orally at the outset of the Examination in order to ensure that technical and legal matters arising from the dDCO are identified and considered as early as possible. This hearing, and any subsequent hearings, will be held without prejudice to the ExA's consideration of the broader planning merits of the application.

All IPs are invited to attend the hearing and each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing.

The ExA requests that the following attendees participate in ISH1 into the dDCO:

- **Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the Applicants)** – including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda;
- **Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC);**
- **Stockton on Tees Borough Council (STBC);**
- **South Tees Development Corporation (STDC);**
- **Environment Agency (EA);**
- **Marine Management Organisation (MMO);**
- **Natural England;** and
- **Any other Interested Parties (IPs)** – with an interest in the drafting of the DCO, the implementation or discharge of proposed articles, requirements or other provisions.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

The following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing

The main purpose of the first draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) Hearing is to undertake an examination of the dDCO Articles and Schedules.

In particular, to consider:

- Issues around how the draft DCO is intended to work – what would be consented, the extent of the powers and what requirements and agreements are proposed;
- Any possible issues of prevention, mitigation or compensation which are not covered by the DCO as currently drafted;
- The justification for any changes from established practice;
- The need for changes to other legislative provisions;
- The need for protective provisions and their scope; and
- The initial views of other Interested Parties as to the appropriateness, proportionality or efficacy of the proposals.

This hearing will not examine the detailed content of provisions relating to the compulsory acquisition of land or rights or temporary possession of land. The draft Examination timetable proposes separate Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on these topics and they may also be returned to in subsequent DCO ISHs.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets []. The application version of the dDCO (Revision 0) has the reference [APP-005]. Following the acceptance of the application the Applicants submitted a number of revised documents which we have accepted including a further dDCO (Revision 1) which has the reference [AS-004].

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Issue Specific Hearing

2. Purpose of the Hearing

3. Articles and Schedules of the dDCO (excluding Schedules 2, 12, 13 and 14)

- The Applicants will be asked to provide a very brief overview of each part of the DCO. The ExA will then ask questions in respect of DCO powers, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicants, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC), Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (STBC), the

Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE) and other Interested Parties (IPs). IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to DCO Articles and Schedules.

4. Schedule 2 of the dDCO – Requirements and Schedule 13 Procedure for Discharge of Requirements

- The Applicants will be asked to provide an overview of the Requirements. The ExA will then ask questions, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicants, RCBC, STBC, the MMO, the EA, NE and other IPs. IPs will also be invited to ask questions of clarification in relation to DCO Requirements.
- The ExA will ask IPs and particularly RCBC and STBC whether the relevant planning authorities have any concerns in principle with the proposed approaches taken to the discharge of requirements, or for managing appeals or disputes under the dDCO.

5. Schedule 12 of the dDCO – Protective Provisions

- To understand the need to obtain an update on progress between parties regarding protective provisions; an explanation of any important differences of view and a timescale for resolution (Schedule 12).

6. Schedule 14 of the dDCO – Documents and Plans to be Certified

- To review the documents to be certified and seek views as to whether the list is complete and if not, what additional documents would need to be included.

7. Consents, Licences and Other Agreements

- The Applicants will be asked to provide an update of progress and timescales for completion. The ExA will then ask questions, including discussing whether any need for and progress on any planning obligations and/or side agreements and if there is an indicative timescale for finalising them.

8. Statements of Common Ground relevant to the DCO

- The ExA will ask the Applicants to provide an update on Statements of Common Ground relevant to the DCO.

9. Review of issues and actions arising

10. Any other business

11. Closure of the Hearing

Agenda for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1)

This document sets out the agenda for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing as notified by the Examining Authority (ExA) in **Annex E**.

- Date:** Wednesday 11 May 2022
- Time:** 2:00pm, room opens / Arrangements Conference from 1:30pm
- Venue:** Virtual Event (Microsoft Teams) and the Lecture Theatre, Higher Education Block, Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Road, Redcar, TS10 1EZ
- Access and Parking:** Free on-site parking

Background and Purpose of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

The ExA considers that it is expedient to consider some compulsory acquisition (CA) matters and questions orally at the outset of the Examination in order to develop a broad understanding and overview of the CA and related provisions within the dDCO.

There will be one or more further hearings into matters relating to CA. Dates for potential later CAHs are set in the draft timetable at **Annex D**. It is at these later hearings that the ExA will expect to hear oral representations from Affected Persons (APs) if necessary.

This does not preclude an AP from making oral representations at CAH1, however they should note that this first hearing will involve a high level overview and there will not be any detailed discussion or questions regarding individual provisions within the dDCO.

All APs are welcome to attend the hearing. However, the following parties are invited to attend because the ExA considers that the material they have submitted raises issues that the ExA may wish to explore at the hearing:

- **Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the Applicants)** – including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda;
- **Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) and Stockton on Tees Borough Council (STBC) in their role as Local Planning Authorities;** and
- **South Tees Development Corporation (STDC).**

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

The following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing

2. Section 122 and 123 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)

- The Applicants are asked to briefly outline the case for CA and temporary possession (TP) and whether they meet the tests of the PA2008 including whether all reasonable alternatives have been considered and whether the rights to be required are reasonably necessary and proportionate; and
- The Applicants are asked to provide a brief update on the progress of negotiations and deadlines for their conclusions.

3. Crown Land - Section 135 of the PA2008

- The Applicants are asked to confirm whether all Crown land has been identified in Part 4 of the Book of Reference (BoR) and on the Crown land plans; and
- Whether the dDCO would effectively prevent CA of any interest held by or on behalf of the Crown with particular reference to Article 43.

4. Open Space - Section 132 of the PA2008

- The Applicants are asked to set out the case for CA and TP with regards to Section 132 of the PA2008.

5. Temporary Possession

- The Applicants are asked to set out the criteria that they used in determining whether to seek the use of TP rather than CA of land and rights.

6. Protective Provisions - Section 127 of the PA2008 with particular reference to Article 41 and Schedule 12 of the dDCO

- The Applicants are asked to provide a brief update on the progress of Protective Provisions in the light of the RR submissions by APs.

7. Forthcoming Change Request

- The ExA will ask the Applicants to provide an overview of the proposed change request, specifically the amendments which affect CA and reasons for them.

Note: The Applicants' response to all of the above matters should comprise a brief and high level summary only. A detailed response to the RRs which relate to CA matters is to be submitted at Deadline 1.

8. Funding

9. Review of issues and actions arising

10. Any other business

11. Closure of the Hearing

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made the following Procedural Decisions under Section 89(3) of the PA2008:

1. Accompanied Site Inspection

An Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held on **Thursday 12 May 2022**, commencing at 9:00am.

The focus of the ASI will be the Order land and this early ASI reflects the fact that the ExA has not been able to access any of the Order land to date or even to observe it at close quarters given that the land is not publicly accessible. Because of the nature of the Order land and the associated security issues the Applicants are only able to allow access to a limited number of people at any one time. Consequently, if you need to attend an ASI but cannot do so on this occasion then a further ASI will also provide access to the Order land later in the Examination. If required a subsequent ASI may also observe the Proposed Development site from other vantage points.

Interested Parties who wish to attend the ASI on Thursday 12 May should notify the Case Team of their wish to do so by **Friday 29 April**.

2. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The aim of a SoCG is to provide a focus and save Examination time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. In particular, the SoCG should identify where the differences between parties lie and the reasons for any disagreement or outstanding matters.

The SoCG need not include a verbatim list of discussions to date but rather a concise summary of the overall timescale and principal events which have led to the current position of agreement and/or disagreement.

The SoCG should be agreed between the Applicants and the other relevant Interested Parties as listed below and submitted by the Applicants at the deadlines as set out in **Annex D**.

In relation to some of the Principal Issues identified in **Annex C**, the ExA would be assisted by the early preparation of SoCGs between the Applicants and certain Interested Parties. The draft Examination Timetable at **Annex D** establishes **Deadline 1** for submission of initial SoCGs. The ExA expects the Applicants to continue working with the Interested Parties, and to submit regular updates. The Applicants are to provide a final signed and agreed SoCG for each Interested Party by **Deadline 11**, if not provided in a previous Deadline.

SoCGs are requested to be prepared between the Applicants and the following named parties:

Party:	Topics to include but not be limited to:
<p>Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council</p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order • the need for, and principle of the Proposed Development and the examination of alternatives; • local planning policy; • relevant planning history and current proposals; • air quality and emissions; • biodiversity and ecology (including HRA); • climate change; • design and landscape and visual impacts including agreed representative viewpoints; • geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land; • historic environment; • major accidents and natural disasters; • noise and vibration; • socio-economics and tourism; • traffic and transport and public rights of way; • water environment; and • construction effects.
<p>South Tees Development Corporation / Tees Valley Combined Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order; • compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers; • streets, rights of way and accesses; • impact on STDC private wire network; • site preparatory works; • assessment of alternatives; • stockpiling of tunnel arisings; • impact on existing and future operations; • agreement between parties to undertake site investigation, remediation and monitoring; • relationship with wider Teesworks development site and compatibility with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Tees Area Supplementary Planning Document; ○ South Tees Regeneration Master Plan; and ○ Teesworks – Design Guide for Development.
<p>Marine Management Organisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Deemed Marine Licences; • adequacy of surveys, modelling and assessment; • relevant policies of the North East Marine Plan; • water resources and water quality;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noise and vibration; • marine ecology and nature conservation; • landscape and seascape visual impacts; • shipping and navigation; • impacts on fisheries and commercial fishing; and • consideration of cumulative effects including dredging/piling activities by others.
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order; • water environment effects including drainage, flood risk and the Water Framework Directive; • the Applicants' Flood Risk Assessment with particular reference to climate change allowances; • biodiversity and fisheries; • land contamination and groundwater; • waste management; and • environmental permits, consents and licences.
Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order; • adequacy of marine and coastal geophysical surveys, baseline characterisation, identification of sensitive receptors and process modelling; • approach to the assessment of impacts on the integrity of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA/Ramsar Site and features of interest of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SSSI; • air quality including operational atmospheric pollution; • noise and vibration from construction/ decommissioning; • the effect of discharges of effluent waters into the Tees Bay including the reinstatement of the existing outfall or the creation of a replacement outfall; • assessment of impacts of installing rock armour protection; • identification and assessment of the disposal of dredged sediment and drilling spoil; • the impact of the discharge of wastewater; • effects on ornithology; • monitoring, mitigation and enhancement including the approach to biodiversity net gain; and • the assessment of effects on onshore ecology.
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing onshore historic environment including identification and assessment of significance of designated and non-designated heritage assets; • marine heritage; and • approach to mitigation.
<p>Statutory Undertakers³:</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmissions PLC</p> <p>National Grid Gas PLC,</p> <p>Northern Gas Networks Limited</p> <p>Northern Powergrid (Northeast) PLC and Northern Powergrid Limited</p> <p>Northumbrian Water Limited</p> <p>PD Teesport Limited</p> <p>Telefonica UK Limited</p> <p>Vodafone and Cornerstone Telecoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Relevant Protective Provisions; • impact on existing apparatus; • impact on existing and future operations; and • any connection issues.
<p>Network Rail Infrastructure Limited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Relevant Protective Provisions; and • the effects on existing railway infrastructure and services.
<p>Other Landowners and Occupiers⁴:</p> <p>Air Products Plc</p> <p>CATS North Sea Limited</p> <p>CF Fertilisers UK Limited</p> <p>Exolum Seal Sands Ltd</p> <p>INEOS Nitriles (UK) Limited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Relevant Protective Provisions; • impact on existing apparatus; • impact on existing and future operations; and • any connection issues.

³ Identified at paragraph 9.1.25 of the Statement of Reasons [APP-008].

⁴ Identified at paragraph 9.1.30 of the Statement of Reasons [APP-008].

<p>Marlow Foods Limited</p> <p>NPL Waste Management Limited</p> <p>Redcar Bulk Terminal Limited</p> <p>Sabic UK Petrochemicals Limited</p> <p>Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Limited</p> <p>Suez Recycling & Recovery UK Limited</p> <p>Teesworks Limited</p> <p>York Potash Limited and Sirius Minerals⁵</p>	
<p>INEOS UK SNS Limited⁶</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Relevant Protective Provisions; • impact on existing apparatus; • impact on existing and future operations; and • any connection issues.
<p>North Tees Land Limited</p> <p>North Tees Limited</p> <p>North Tees Rail Limited⁷</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Consent Order including Relevant Protective Provisions; • impact on existing apparatus; • impact on existing and future operations; and • any connection issues.

The SoCG should cover the following topics where relevant:

- methodology for Environmental Impact Assessment including assessment of cumulative effects;
- data collection methods ;
- baseline data;
- data/ statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies);
- full expression of expert judgements and assumptions;
- identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact;

⁵ Now Anglo American Plc, having acquired Sirius Minerals [RR-014].

⁶ [RR-010]

⁷ [RR-016], [RR-022], [RR-029] and [RR-030].

- likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose; and
- feasible and deliverable mitigation and method for securing such mitigation within the DCO.

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the dDCO. Any Interested Party seeking for an Article or Requirement to be reworded should provide the form of words being sought in the SoCG.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by **Deadline 11**, or, in so far as any local authority position represents an officer level view only, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted **by the Applicants at Deadline 9**. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform the ExA about the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings during the Examination, and to enable the ExA and the Applicants to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

In addition, the ExA requests that at the relevant deadlines set out in the draft timetable, the Applicants provide a Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground to provide an update on progress with SoCGs, an overview of where the areas of agreement and dispute between the Interested Parties are, and a likely timescale for submission.

3. Updated Documents

The ExA requests that at each deadline, the Applicants provide an updated application document tracker (Application Guide [AS-002]) which provides a list of the most up-to-date documents before the Examination and an updated Status of Negotiations Schedule (Appendix 1 of the Statement of Reasons [APP-008]) setting out the status of negotiation with all parties affected by the proposed works. Final versions must be submitted at **Deadline 11** before the close of the Examination.

4. Local Impact Reports

The ExA requests Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, the host Local Authorities, (which may be prepared jointly or separately) and welcomes LIRs from any other relevant local authorities who may wish to submit one, including Hartlepool Borough Council. All LIRs are requested to be submitted into the Examination no later than by **Deadline 1 on Thursday 26 May 2022**.

5. Acceptance of Additional Submissions into the Examination

Following the acceptance of the application, the Applicants submitted a range of correspondence on 24 September 2021 to the Planning Inspectorate.

The ExA exercised its discretion to accept the Additional Submissions submitted by the Applicants in response to the s55 checklist issued 16 August 2021. The documents have now been published on the project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website. The revised/ amended documents submitted by the Applicant are as follows:

- Response to PINS s51 advice [AS-001]
- Application Guide Rev.2.0 [AS-002]
- Signposting Document [AS-003]
- Draft DCO Rev.2.0 [AS-004]
- Explanatory Memorandum Rev.2.0 [AS-005]
- Land Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-006]
- Crown Land Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-007]
- Works Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-008]
- Access and Rights of Way Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-009]
- Gas Connection Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-010 to AS-013]
- Electrical Connection Plans Rev.2.0 [AS-014]
- Project Need Statement Re-provided [AS-015]
- Combined Heat and Power Assessment Re-provided [AS-016]
- Indicative Lighting Strategy Re-provided [AS-017]
- HRA Report Rev.2.0 [AS-018]
- Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 4 Re-provided [AS-019]
- ES Figure 9-3 Rev.2.0 [AS-020]
- ES Figures 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11.4a, 11-4b & 11-5 Rev.2.0 [AS-021 to AS-028]
- ES Figure 17.7a Re-provided [AS-029]
- ES Appendix 12C [AS-030]
- ES Appendix 24C [AS-031]
- ES Appendix 25C [AS-031].

Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the [Documents](#) tab at the above location.

The Examination Library

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- Each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

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Local authority	Venue/address	Opening hours
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	Redcar Library and Community Hub	Monday: 9.00am – 6.00pm
	Redcar & Cleveland House	Tuesday: 9.00am – 6.00pm

	<p>Kirkleatham Street Redcar TS10 1RT</p>	<p>Wednesday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Thursday: 9.00am – 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: Closed</p>
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	<p>South Bank Library and Customer Service Point Low Grange Health Village Normanby Road South Bank Middlesbrough TS6 6TD</p>	<p>Monday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am – 5.00pm Thursday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Friday: 9.00am – 6.00pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: Closed</p>
Middlesbrough Council	<p>Central Library Centre Square Middlesbrough TS1 2AY</p>	<p>Monday: 9.30am – 12.00pm, then 1.00pm – 5.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 12.00pm, then 1.00pm – 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am – 12.00pm, then 1.00pm – 5.00pm Friday: 9.30am – 12.00pm, then 1.00pm – 5.00pm</p>

		Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: Closed
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Stockton Central Library Church Road Stockton TS18 1TU	Monday: 8:30am – 6:00pm Tuesday: 8:30am – 8:00pm Wednesday: 8:30am – 6:00pm Thursday: 8:30am – 8:00pm Friday: 8:30am – 6:00pm Saturday: 9:30 – 4:00pm Sunday: Closed
Hartlepool Borough Council	Central Library 124 York Road Hartlepool TS26 9DE	Monday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Thursday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
Printing costs	Black and white	Colour
Redcar Library and Community Hub		
A4	Single-sided: 10p	Single-sided: 50p
A3	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: £1
South Bank Library and Customer Service Point		
A4	Single-sided: 10p	Single-sided: 50p
A3	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: £1

Middlesbrough Central Library		
A4	Single-sided: 10p	Single-sided: 30p
A3	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: 75p
Stockton Central Library		
A4	Single-sided: 10p	Single-sided: 40p
A3	Single-sided: 20p	Single-sided: 45p
Hartlepool Central Library		
A4	Single-sided: 10p	Single-sided: 50p
A3	Single-sided: 25p	Single-sided: 75p

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