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Subject: RE: Net Zero Teesside Project - Environmental matters issue specific hearing 14/15 July

Good Afternoon,

Apologies for the delayed response. Thank you for the invitation from the Examining Authority (“ExA”) for the Marine Management Organisation (“MMO”) to speak at ISH 4. In the interests of team resource management, the MMO will not be attending ISH4. This is due to capacity issues faced by the MMO at present. However, we have reviewed the detailed agenda and would like to offer our comments on the agenda items we consider to be of relevance to the MMO. Additionally, we are happy to address any further points in writing as part of any future Written Questions from the ExA, and we will continue to provide written representations at each future deadline until such time as the examination comes to a close.

Ground Conditions

1. The MMO raised concerns towards the potential impacts of a bore collapse or the release of boring fluid during horizontal directional drilling and the potential requirement for mitigation. It is noted that the applicant is proposed to remove this option from the Development Consent Order and as such the MMO will provide comments on the formal request has been made by the applicant.

Water Environment

1. The MMO defer to Natural England with regards to issues of nutrient neutrality and the modelling of dissolved organic nitrogen.
2. The MMO will endeavour to provide updates on the potential effect of rock armouring/ sco protection on the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site once further information from the applicant is available. However, with regards to the HRA the MMO again defer to Natural England.

Kind Regards,
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<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/mmo/call-for-evidence-stage-2/>

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