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Thank you for consulting the Place Investment Team on the current planning applications relating to the Teesworks site.

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is committed to economic growth in our Borough, as set out in the Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan and Redcar and Cleveland Corporate Plan. Through the recently refreshed Area Growth Plans, the Council has committed to investing in projects that will support economic growth by stimulating growth in jobs and business alongside investing in the Borough's infrastructure and place to make it a more attractive environment to invest in, and as a place to live and visit. The Area Growth Plans also include investments being made by other public and private sector stakeholders which will contribute to these outcomes. The Plans set out 98 projects capital projects which, taken together, will be a catalyst for growth across the borough in the next 4 years.

Alongside other investments, including our own programme, the Council recognises the Teesworks site as a key economic driver for the Borough and in particular, Redcar's future prosperity. As well as high quality jobs and investment at the site itself, Teesworks offers opportunities for supply chain growth, skills development, infrastructure and connectivity and it is essential that our residents, businesses and other stakeholders are able to benefit from this as much as possible. We consider that the relationship between the site and a rejuvenated town will be mutually beneficial to both parties and working in tandem will deliver more than the sum of their parts. The Redcar Town Investment Plan, which was recently submitted to Government with a view to securing a £25m Town Deal later this year, states that delivery of Teesworks will complement existing assets and planned investment to transform our economic fortunes, positioning the town at the forefront of a new industrial revolution. It also includes several projects which seek to bring the town and the investment site together – this includes a new clean energy education centre at Redcar and Cleveland College, improvements to connectivity between the town and the development site, and the uplifting the Town Centre which will make the town's proximity an asset in the eyes of future investors.

With this in mind, we support the principle of the development outlined in these applications as this will deliver and complement the long-term ambitions of the Council to deliver economic growth. As the Teesworks projects develop and move into their delivery phases, we consider it essential that every opportunity is taken to ensure the site's success contributes to growth in the local area. The Place Investment Team would wish to assess the detail of the development through the reserved matters process, in order that we can assess how the development will contribute positively to the environment and the approaches to Redcar, along with highway capacity, which is so important to future investment in the town and the Borough. It will also be important going forward to understand the utilities that are required on site, and how they may impact on potential capital investment in Redcar.

Kind Regards

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