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Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant – Deadline 2 Covering Letter

This letter accompanies documents submitted by Thurrock Power Ltd to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 2. The following information requested for Deadline 2 in the Rule 8 letter has been submitted.

Rule 8 Letter	Thurrock Power Ltd Submissions
Responses to ExQ1	Submitted at Deadline 2 together with: a) supporting documents expanding on the answers or providing evidence referenced in them; and b) updates to existing application documents where necessary. The supporting documents and updated application documents are submitted as separate files and are listed in the contents section of the question responses and in the updated guide to the application. Supporting documents are referenced within the question responses using style 'AQ-1, AQ-2' for air quality, etc. Updated application documents are provided with tracked changes and as clean versions.
Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from Local Authorities	n/a
Written Representations (WRs) including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words	n/a
Comments on Relevant Representations	n/a – Thurrock Power has sought to agree or is in the process of drafting Statements of Common Ground with the majority of parties that submitted Relevant Representations.
Comments on Procedural Deadline D submissions	Thurrock Power Ltd's comments on Natural England's Procedural Deadline D submission. Thurrock Power Ltd's comments on Historic England's Procedural Deadline D submission and heritage matters in Thurrock Council's Procedural Deadline D submission, provided as part of document ref. HER-2 supporting the first written question responses.
Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA	The list of agreed and under-discussion SoCGs is provided in the Statement of Commonality.
Statement of Commonality of SoCGs	Submitted at Deadline 2.
The Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule	Submitted at Deadline 2.
Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted by the ExA	n/a
A Guide to the Application	Submitted at Deadline 2.

Any other information requested by the ExA for submission at Deadline 2	n/a
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Update on gas pipeline and Lower Thames Crossing

The current Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant gas pipeline route is not in the position that Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) would request the pipeline to be in order to pass under the new highway between the structural elements of the LTC scheme. In order to divert the gas pipeline to the LTC preferred route, the applicant would require to add new land to the DCO. The alternative route would also result in different ecological impacts to those assessed in the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Environmental Statement. The applicant does not consider that, outside of the LTC scheme, that diversion and its impacts are acceptable.

The diverted route would be within the proposed order limits of the LTC DCO. In due course, LTC can include the diversion route necessary to interact appropriately with the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant development in any DCO application made for LTC. Accordingly, the applicant has decided not to seek a change to the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant gas pipeline route in the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant DCO.

The two parties have agreed to progress an interface agreement between the two projects to cover the different construction scenarios and are working collaboratively on that and the need for protective provisions.

Access via Port of Tilbury

The applicant is in discussion with the Port of Tilbury London Ltd (PoTLL) regarding progressing a voluntary access agreement for the access route over the Port's land shown within the DCO. The terms of that agreement are under negotiation between the parties' solicitors.

Yours sincerely,
for RPS

Tom Dearing