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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear sir/madam

**APPLICATION FOR A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE IN RESPECT OF SCHEDULE 15 (DESIGN PARAMETERS) OF THE ORDER THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT, LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER REDCAR STEEL WORKS SITE (TEESWORKS SITE), REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 01 April 2016 which was received by Natural England on 02 April 2026.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

**Natural England's advice**

We have reviewed the documentation and agree with the conclusions in the "Appendix A: Air Quality Technical Note". The proposed changes will not result in an increase of nitrogen deposition to the designated site as was considered in the environmental statement chapter 8.

The air quality impacts presented in the Air Quality Technical Note are in line with the impacts Natural England has been consulted on as part of the Environmental Permitting process with the Environment Agency. This concludes that the worst case scenario will result in a significant increase of nitrogen deposition to the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and therefore mitigation and/or compensation is required. We are working with the applicant to develop a suitable compensation strategy. This compensation strategy should equally apply to the impacts raised in the Air Quality Technical note.

It is the responsibility of your authority to consider if the compensation measures secured through the environmental permitting process sufficiently protect the SSSI or if compensation should equally be secured as part of the development consent order amendments.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer [REDACTED] and copy to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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