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Planning Inspectorate  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**APPLICATION BY UNIPER UK FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE CONNAH'S QUAY  
LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT (PINS REF: EN010166)**

**DEADLINE 3 COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF TATA STEEL EUROPE LIMITED (INTERESTED PARTY REFERENCE:**

On behalf of our client, Tata Steel UK Limited (Tata Steel) (Interested Party Reference: [REDACTED]), please find enclosed comments in relation to the application by Uniper UK for an order granting development consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project. These comments are submitted in accordance with Deadline 3 of the Examination Timetable.

Tata Steel is the freehold owner of Shotton Steelworks (the "Works"). We note that Uniper UK is currently seeking a Development Consent Order relating to a low carbon capture project ("the DCO") in the vicinity of the Works.

We understand that the DCO includes part of the Works, in respect of which temporary possession is potentially sought for the re-establishment and use of waterborne transport offloading facilities at Connah's Quay North and temporary accommodation works to facilitate a haulage route on existing roads.

Our comments in relation to submissions made at Deadline 2 are outlined below.

**Applicant's Response to Deadline 1 Submissions**

We note the Applicant's response to our client's Deadline 1 submission provided in Table 10 of the Applicant's Response to Deadline 1 Submissions (document reference EN010166/APP/9.11).

The Applicant's response refers to the recent dialogue between Uniper UK and our client. The response states that Uniper UK would provide Tata Steel with draft heads of terms of agreement for consideration setting out potential arrangements that would provide for the use of the jetty, back land and roadways. The draft heads of terms were due to be issued to Tata Steel for their agreement before end of February 2026.

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We can confirm that Tata Steel have now received draft heads of terms from Uniper UK. Tata Steel are currently reviewing the heads of terms. Agreement has not yet been reached regarding the proposed use of the jetty at Connah's Quay North or routing onward vehicles through its' operational Shotton Works.

Tata Steel's questions and comments provided within their submission at Deadline 2 (dated 10 February 2026) therefore remain.

#### **Examining Authority's Question – ExQ1.24.5**

The Examining Authority's question ExQ1.24.5 relates to what progress has been made with negotiations for the land. As outlined above, Tata Steel have received draft heads of terms from Uniper UK and these are currently being reviewed. Tata Steel are not currently in a position to confirm whether the terms are acceptable.

In conclusion, whilst Tata Steel is not currently raising objections to the proposed development itself (based on the information known to-date), no agreement has been reached regarding the acceptability of using the Tata Steel jetty or onward routing of 3rd party vehicles through Tata Steel's operational Works site. Continued discussions on these matters are essential if use of the Tata Steel jetty and its operational Works site are to be considered further.

Tata Steel retains its right to comment further on any relevant submissions by the applicant at the Examination's future consultation stages.

Yours sincerely,

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