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Dear John Wheadon

NSIP Reference Name / Code: EN0110001 The Keadby Next Generation Power Station Project

Please see Natural England's submission in respect of the Request for information, dated 6 October 2026, as submitted by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

7. In light of the above, Natural England is requested to advise whether:

a. It is satisfied that the Environmental Permit would provide an appropriate and sufficiently certain mechanism to secure the emission performance relied upon in the Habitats Regulations Assessment ("HRA"), including the installation and operation of SCR where necessary to comply with the relevant emission limits, such that a separate DCO requirement is not required to support the HRA conclusions.

Overall, the modelling data provided within the HRA demonstrated a scenario where the emissions of all pollutants (NO_x, NH₃ and nitrogen deposition) did not result in an AEOL to designated sites. We consider that the actual emitted levels must result in an impact no worse than that modelled.

Natural England advises that an Environmental Permit which only had an emission limit for NO_x would not sufficiently control the nitrogen deposition, as deposition could still occur through ammonia emissions.

However, we note in the submitted document C1-002 - Response to Secretary of State's Consultation 1 (dated 22 September 2026), the Environment Agency confirms:

- That should the Environmental Permit be granted, it would include conditions relating to SCR, including **an emission limit value and monitoring requirements for ammonia** based on the assumption that SCR would be fitted.

Natural England would also welcome confirmation from the Environment Agency that Natural England will have an opportunity to comment on the Permit application and influence operational air quality emissions limits if required. This would be our expectation considering the potential for impacts to designated sites.

The above measures ensure ammonia emissions will be limited as required, and that Natural England will have the opportunity to review updated modelling for the Environmental Permit to confirm whether any difference to the detail presented in the DCO application will still result in no AEOL.

b. On that basis, whether it considers that a separate DCO requirement securing SCR is unnecessary for the purposes of the HRA.

Given the above, we would conclude that for this Application the Environmental Permit is an appropriate means of securing overall emissions of nitrogen compounds (and resulting nitrogen deposition) which do not result in an AEOL. The Application demonstrated a feasible emission scenario by which this could be achieved Therefore we do not require a separate DCO requirement to support the conclusion of no AEOL.

Yours sincerely

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