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Dear Ms Hopewell,

**FERRYBRIDGE NEXT GENERATION POWER STATION**

**LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER FERRYBRIDGE C POWER STATION, KIRKHAW LANE, KNOTTINGLEY, AND A LAND CORRIDOR TO THE EAST TERMINATING SOUTH OF GATEFORTH**

**NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 46 'DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION' OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

I write on behalf of SSE Hydrogen Developments Limited (the 'Applicant') in connection with the Ferrybridge Next Generation Power Station Project ('Ferrybridge Next Generation' or the 'Proposed Development').

The Applicant is proposing to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'SoS') pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') for development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of up to two gas turbine ('GT') units with a combined capacity of up to 1.2 gigawatts ('GW') electrical output, together with a natural gas pipeline connection, above ground installation ('AGI') and other associated development (the 'Proposed Development').

The Proposed Development would be located on land at, and in the vicinity of, the former Ferrybridge Power Station, Kirkhaw Lane, Knottingley, West Yorkshire – within the administrative area of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council ('WMDC') ('the Main Site'), and a land corridor extending eastwards beneath the River Aire and into the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council ('NYC') – together 'the Site' – terminating at Pale Lane to the south of Gateforth. The Proposed Development will be known as Ferrybridge Next Generation Power Station.

The Proposed Development will consist of up to two GT units in either open or combined cycle configurations, or a combination, depending on market requirements, and associated infrastructure.

The Proposed Development will be designed to run on 100% hydrogen. However, it is currently anticipated that the hydrogen supply chain may not be available at the start of operation, in which case the Proposed Development would also need to be able to operate using 100% natural gas or a blend of hydrogen and natural gas. This scenario would be required until such time as a technically and commercially viable hydrogen supply chain option becomes available.

Gas will be transported from the Gas Transmission System to the Main Site via a gas pipeline connection corridor extending into North Yorkshire. The Proposed Pipeline Corridor currently comprises two route options for where the pipeline may be located to transport gas from the Gas Transmission System to the Main Site. Only one corridor would be developed, and the resultant gas pipeline connection is expected to be approximately 9 to 10km in total length.

The Proposed Development will generate in excess of 50 megawatts ('MWe') and will therefore be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. The Applicant will therefore require a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA 2008.

This letter represents the Applicant's notification to the SoS of the proposed application pursuant to section 46 of the PA 2008 and is made on or before the commencement of consultation pursuant to section 42 of the PA 2008.

Section 42 of the PA 2008 requires prospective applicants for a DCO to consult on their proposed application with those persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008.

The Applicant will carry out consultation pursuant to Section 42 by issuing a letter (the 'Consultation Letter') accompanied by consultation documents (the 'Consultation Documents') to the persons specified in the PA 2008, including Section 44 land interests, and those listed in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 on or around 28 August 2025. Examples of the S42 and S44 letters and enclosures sent are enclosed. The Consultation Documents are accessible via the following URL from Friday 5 September 2025 to Monday 6 October 2025 (please note, documents will not be available before this period): <https://dwd.ctit.co/url/z3sxrmsnmbzyhpvr>

They comprise:

- A location plan showing the extent of the Project Site edged in red and the development areas of the Project Site (attached to email as a PDF or paper print out enclosed with letters);
- the PEIR and its NTS (via fileshare link); and
- the Section 48 Notice that is being published (attached to email as a PDF or enclosed paper print out).

A notice pursuant to Section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008 will be published as follows:

- Local newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the site:
  - Goole & Selby Times – 28 August and 4 September 2025
  - Wakefield Express - 28 August and 4 September 2025
- Yorkshire Post – 28 August 2025
- The Times – 4 September 2025
- London Gazette – 4 September 2025

In accordance with Regulation 13 of 'The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017' (the 'EIA Regulations'), the Applicant will also send a copy of the Section 48 Notice

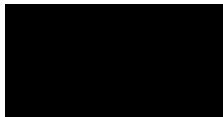
to the relevant consultation bodies (noting that no persons were notified to the Applicant in accordance with Reg. 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations) on or around 28 August 2025.

The deadline stated in the Consultation Letter (and on the Section 48 Notice) for the receipt of comments and representations on the Proposed Application is **11.59pm on Monday 6 October 2025**.

The Consultation Documents that are to be provided to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 (and other 'non-prescribed persons') will also be accessible via the Project Website: [www.ssethermal.com/FBNG](http://www.ssethermal.com/FBNG) (please note that, besides the Statement of Community Consultation, documents will not be available before 5 September 2025).

I look forward to receiving the SoS's acknowledgement of the Applicant's notification to the SoS of the proposed application pursuant to Section 46 of the PA 2008. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself and my colleagues Mia Scaggiante and Jordan Martin ([REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk, [REDACTED]@dwd-ltd.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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