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Mr W Gusmag,
Consents Administrator,
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Electricity Development Consents,
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My Ref: LTR593/ECP

Dear Mr Gusmag,

APPLICATION BY THOR COGENERATION TO CONSTRUCT A GAS-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION AT SEAL SANDS, TEESIDE

We would like to make the following representations based on the Environmental Statement (ES) and supplementary Bird Report submitted with the Planning Application with respect to the above.

The Teesmouth Bird Club **OBJECTS** to the Application for the reasons set out in our attached document '*Thor Cogeneration Project – A Formal Response by the Teesmouth Bird Club to the Environmental Statement and Supplementary Bird Report*'.

We believe that the Applicant and their environmental consultants have:

- (i) inadequately assessed the potential environmental impacts on the adjacent SPA and some elements of the ES are dismissive, superficial or inaccurate;
- (ii) not carried out a comprehensive assessment of the likely impacts on the Reclamation Pond; a nationally important ornithological site, which contains Schedule 1 bird species and nationally-threatened, protected Water Voles;
- (iii) included in the Application a huge, 31-hectare, temporary "*lay-down area*", which will destroy part of the Reclamation Pond, for which there has been no assessment of the environmental impacts: we believe that this is in violation of both the '*North Tees Agreement*' and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's '*Local Plan*'.
- (iv) not considered adequate mitigation measures, which reflect the nature and scale of the development.

Should you require any further details, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
TEESMOUTH BIRD CLUB

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CHAIRMAN

Cc to: Mr P Whaley (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)