

# KEADBY 3 CARBON CAPTURE POWER STATION

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**The Keadby 3 (Carbon Capture Equipped Gas Fired Generating Station) Order**

**Land at and in the vicinity of the Keadby Power Station site, Trentside, Keadby, North Lincolnshire**

## **Further Applicant Response to Rule 17 Letter**

**The Planning Act 2008**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017**

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## GLOSSARY

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Description</b>
ASI	Accompanied Site Inspection
DCO	Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	Examining Authority
HER	Historic Environment Record
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPS	National Policy Statement
OWSI	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

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## 1.0 FURTHER APPLICANT RESPONSE TO RULE 17 LETTER

### 1.1 Summary of Applicant's Response to Rule 17 Letter [PD-010] dated 17 January 2022

- 1.1.1 AECOM, on behalf of the Applicant responded to the Rule 17 Letter on 1 February 2022 (Deadline 2) [REP2-012]. The Applicant considers that the archaeological evaluation submitted with the DCO Application is adequate, however, in light of the comments received from North Lincolnshire Council Historic Environment Officer (HEO) the Applicant provided a draft indicative timetable for archaeological evaluation works to be undertaken during examination as set out in Table 1 of the response letter [REP2-012].
- 1.1.2 Potential limitations in the draft timetable were highlighted, including the availability of an approved archaeological contractor and access being agreed with third party land owners. However, it was noted that the draft timetable had been discussed with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) HEO in advance of publication at Deadline 2.
- 1.1.3 No further response to the ExA's Rule 17 letter has been made from NLC to date. However, the Applicant has progressed discussions with NLC to agree a proportionate and phased approach to archaeological works as set out below.

### 1.2 The Applicant's Response to Historic England Rule 17 Response

- 1.2.1 Historic England submitted a Rule 17 response to the ExA at Deadline 2 [REP2-023]. Historic England provided advice, including on which archaeological matters they defer to the expertise of NLC. Historic England also advised that "the Applicant should (if the ExA considers it reasonably practicable and expedient), commission the second stages of the evaluation recommended in the NLC HER pre-application advice prior to determination of the DCO, as opposed to dealing with this matter by Requirement (should the DCO be made)."

### 1.3 Applicant Discussions with NLC Following Deadline 2 Response to Rule 17 Letter [REP2-012]

- 1.3.1 As stated above, Historic England have deferred all archaeology decisions to NLC and since Deadline 2, the Applicant has continued consultation and liaison with NLC HEO.
- 1.3.2 The Applicant intends to complete a programme of site investigation to enable confirmatory information to be provided into the DCO examination.
- 1.3.3 The Applicant has submitted the draft written scheme of investigation (WSI) and final trench design to NLC HEO at Deadline 3 (15 February 2022). The intention remains that the indicative programme provided at D2 will be adhered to, subject to land access being agreed and approvals being provided on the WSI.

- 1.3.4 Providing NLC approve and sign off the WSI within the timescales set out in draft timetable and the survey procurement and site access are commissioned on time, then the draft timetable for reporting on the archaeological evaluation during examination, outlined at Deadline 2 [REP2-012] is achievable. The Applicant therefore intends to submit the findings report and any proposed mitigation into the Examination for 13 May 2022.
- 1.3.5 The indicative timetable above would allow for the ExA to review and publish the submitted information and for Interested Parties to make representations on its findings before Deadline 7 (24 May 2022).