

Keadby 3 Carbon Capture Power Station Project – EN010114

North Lincolnshire Council's Comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites

Thank you for giving North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) the opportunity to comment on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) dated 3 May 2022 in respect of the Keadby 3 Carbon Capture Power Station Project. This report has been reviewed by the Council's ecologist and NLC has the following comments to make:

Overall, NLC agrees with the content and conclusions of the report. In particular we agree with Natural England that, where the need for mitigation has been identified, then the associated impact pathway should be screened into an appropriate assessment (e.g. sections 3.13., 3.1.15, 3.1.19 etc).

Where seasonal restrictions on work are proposed (e.g. sections 3.1.19, 4.2.7, 4.2.9), it may be advisable to set out any back-up sensitive working methods that may be employed if works unavoidably spill into the sensitive period due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. These could take the form of monitoring noise levels and bird presence/absence and adjusting daily work timings and noise levels accordingly.

It is noted that wintering bird surveys were understandably scoped out of assessment (PEIR Appendix 11, 4.7.2) and as a consequence, there is no evidence of presence or absence of shelduck or other wintering waterbirds in the area around the proposed cofferdam. As the presence of birds in significant numbers is highly unlikely, the proposed mitigation, whilst important, should be reasonable and proportionate.

It is further agreed that the clarification sought in relation to lampreys in section 3.1.9 of the report would be useful.

NLC would defer to Natural England on matters of air quality (3.1.24-3.1.26).