

Please see below responses to Q6.0.8 and Q13.0.1 of the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information.

6.0.8: Zero Carbon Humber

(i) What weight do you consider the ExA can give to the potential for a connection to this potential pipeline?

(ii) Are you able to quantify what additional benefit may result in terms of quantum of CO₂ that it would be possible to store/transport via this route from this site and over what time period?

NGCL anticipates that the Applicant will express a view both as to the weight which the Examining Authority can give to the potential for a connection to the HLCP Project and the quantum of CO₂ that it would be possible to transport from this specific site, if a connection to the HLCP Project were made at a future date. NGCL would note that, whilst the proposed HLCP Project route published as part of its recent statutory consultation proposals did not include a connection to the NLGEP (for the reasons set out in Section 3.3 of the draft Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and NGCL, which the Applicant will be submitting at Deadline 2) and that a connection does not form part of this application for development consent, the HLCP Project is being designed by NGCL so that further connections could be made in the future. Additional consent(s) would be required to achieve a future connection, to the extent that provision is not directly made by the HLCP DCO application and / or individual projects seeking to connect to the HLCP Project. It is likely that bespoke regulatory arrangements will be developed in order to govern the process pursuant to which future connections are made.

13.0.1: Relationship to the proposed Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline

(i) In light of the RR on behalf of National Grid Carbon Ltd. Please advise of any discussions taking place between the parties that might facilitate a connection in the event that both schemes progress

As set out in the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and NGCL, the parties have been in dialogue in relation to the two projects since June 2021. The Applicant's draft DCO does not include provision for a connection to the HLCP Project, nor did the proposed route for the HCLP Project published in connection with NGCL's statutory consultation, which closed on 5 December 2022, include a connection to the NLGEP. The reasons for this are set out in Section 3.3 of the draft SoCG. NGCL notes that, in its response to the HLCP Project statutory consultation dated 2 December 2022, the Applicant has sought a change to the routeing of the HLCP Project in order to provide a connection to the NLGEP. NGCL is currently considering this response, alongside all other feedback received to its statutory consultation.