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GLOSSARY

Acronym	Full term / Description
2008 Act	Planning Act 2008
AGI	Above Ground Installations
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CBMF	Concrete Block Manufacturing Facility
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CCUS	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CoPA	Control of Pollution Act
DCO	Development Consent Order
DHPWN	District Heating and Private Wire Network
EA	Environment Agency
EN-1	Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy
EN-3	National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure
EN-5	National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure
EV	Electric Vehicle
ERF	Energy Recovery Facility
ES	Environmental Statement
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FGTr	Flue Gas Treatment Residue
H2	Hydrogen
IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management
IDB	Internal Drainage Board

LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NLGEP	North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park
PRF	Plastic Recycling Facility
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
RLB	Red Line Boundary
RHTF	Residue Handling and Treatment Facility
SoS	Secretary of State
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems
TCPA	Town and Country Planning Act
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared on behalf of North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Limited ('the Applicant'). It forms part of the application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO'), that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, under Section 37 of 'The Planning Act 2008' (the '2008 Act').
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development is an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) capable of converting up to 760,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste into 95 MW of electricity and a carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) facility which will treat a proportion of the excess gasses released from the ERF to remove and store carbon dioxide (CO₂) prior to emission into the atmosphere. It is described in Chapter 3: Project Description and Alternatives of the Environmental Statement (ES).
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development meets the criteria to be considered as an NSIP under the 2008 Act as a 'generating station' under section 15(2). Section 15(2) defined an NSIP as a proposed generating station which would be located within England, would not be offshore, and would have a total generating capacity of more than 50MW.

1.2 The Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 The North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park (NLGEP), located at Flixborough, North Lincolnshire, comprises an ERF capable of converting up to 760,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste into 95 MW of electricity and a CCUS facility which will treat a proportion of the excess gasses released from the ERF to remove and store CO₂. Prior to emission into the atmosphere. The design of the ERF and CCUS will also enable future connection to the Zero Carbon Humber pipeline, when this is consented and operational, to enable the possibility of full carbon capture in the future.
- 1.2.2 The NSIP incorporates a switchyard, to ensure that the power created can be exported to the National Grid or to local businesses, and a water treatment facility, to take water from the mains supply or recycled process water to remove impurities and make it suitable for use in the boilers, the CCUS facility, concrete block manufacture, hydrogen production and the maintenance of the water levels in the wetland area.
- 1.2.3 The Project includes the following Associated Development to support the operation of the NSIP:
- a bottom ash and flue gas residue handling and treatment facility (RHTF);

- a concrete block manufacturing facility (CBMF);
 - a plastic recycling facility (PRF);
 - a hydrogen production and storage facility;
 - an electric vehicle (EV) and hydrogen (H2) refuelling station;
 - battery storage;
 - a hydrogen and natural gas above ground installation (AGI);
 - a new access road and parking;
 - a gatehouse and visitor centre with elevated walkway;
 - railway reinstatement works including; sidings at Dragonby, reinstatement and safety improvements to the 6km private railway spur, and the construction of a new railhead with sidings south of Flixborough Wharf;
 - a northern and southern district heating and private wire network (DHPWN);
 - habitat creation, landscaping and ecological mitigation, including green infrastructure and 65 acre wetland area;
 - new public rights of way and cycle ways including footbridges;
 - Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and flood defence; and
 - utility constructions and diversions.
- 1.2.4 The Project will also include development in connection with the above works such as security gates, fencing, boundary treatment, lighting, hard and soft landscaping, surface and foul water treatment and drainage systems and CCTV.
- 1.2.5 The Project also includes temporary facilities required during the course of construction including site establishment and preparation works, temporary construction laydown areas, contractor facilities, materials and plant storage, generators, concrete batching facilities, vehicle and cycle parking facilities, offices, staff welfare facilities, security fencing and gates, external lighting, roadways and haul routes, wheel wash facilities, and signage.
- 1.2.6 The overarching aim of the Project is to support the UK's transition to a low carbon economy as outlined in the Sixth Carbon Budget (December 2020), the national Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution (November 2020) and the North Lincolnshire prospectus for a Green Future which is currently being developed. It will do this by enabling circular resource strategies and low-carbon infrastructure to be deployed as an integral part of the design (for example by re-processing ash, wastewater and carbon dioxide to manufacture concrete blocks) and capturing waste-heat to supply local homes and businesses with heat via a district heating network.

- 1.2.7 The NLGEP will have a positive impact on the local economy with the creation of up to 290 FTE new jobs once it is operational with an apprenticeship scheme that will cover roles within the “green economy”. By providing low-carbon heat and power, the Project could become an attractive place for businesses to locate, providing an additional jobs in the local area.
- 1.2.8 Construction of the Project will result in the creation of 600 jobs and up to 3350 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs over the whole duration of the construction phase. Direct construction employment could also lead to opportunities for local businesses to supply the project or to benefit from expenditure of construction workers.

1.3 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This Statement of Common Ground is between the Applicant and the Economic & Employment Group for the project.
- 1.3.2 The Economic & Employment Group has been established to help ensure that the economic benefits of the scheme are maximised locally. The group includes various regional stakeholders, such as North Lincolnshire Council, DWP, Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, North Lindsey College, CATCH, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, HETA, STEM, Engineering UTC North Lincs and Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce.

1.4 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

- 1.4.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise clearly the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the examination of the Application and to assist the Examining Authority in their determination of the Application. It has been prepared with regard to the guidance in ‘Planning Act 2008: examination of application for development consent’ (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).
- 1.4.2 The document is structured as follows:
- Section 2 – sets out the key correspondence and engagement between the parties up until the submission of the Application; and,
 - Section 3 – sets out the matters agreed and matters outstanding between the parties during the pre-application stage in respect of the Application.

2.0 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1.1 The below Table 2.1 contains a record of key correspondence and engagement between the Applicant and the Economic & Employment Group pertinent to this SoCG.

Table 2.1: Summary of Correspondence and Engagement

Date	Attendance	Topics Covered
26 May 2020	Non-statutory consultation	Opened up a register of job interests to log CVs.
26 May 2020-14 July 2020	All members of Economic & Employment group	Non-statutory consultation: Correspondence sent including newsletter.
14 June 2021-25 July 2021	All members of Economic & Employment group	Statutory consultation: Correspondence sent including newsletter. Opportunity to register interest in jobs on the website.
23 rd June 2021	NLGEPL, Newgate Communications, Font Communications, DWP, HETA, Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce, North Lincolnshire Council, North Lindsey College	Overview of the project, employment opportunities, training and skills, supply chain opportunities, economic development.
15 th September 2021	NLGEPL, Newgate Communications, Font Communications, North Lindsey College DWP, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, North Lincolnshire Council	Update on the project and consultation responses, role of the group and programmes of work, supporting wider regional economic objectives.
4 th November 2021	NLGEPL, DN Colleges Stakeholder Group	Attendance at DN Colleges Stakeholder group meeting.
4 th Feb 2022	NLGEPL, The Grange Primary School, Scunthorpe	Attendance at schools careers day with exhibition banners and leaflets.
10 th Feb 2022	NLGEPL, DN Colleges Stakeholder Group	Attendance at DN Colleges Stakeholder group meeting.
3 rd March 2022	NLGEPL, Font Communications, STEM North Lincolnshire Council, Catch UK, North Lindsey College, Greater Lincs LEP	Update on the project, Terms of Reference for the group. Agreeing four programmes of work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and skills • Schools and careers • Jobs and apprenticeships • Supply chain

Date	Attendance	Topics Covered
26 May 2020	Non-statutory consultation	Opened up a register of job interests to log CVs.
7th June 2022	NLGEPL, CATCH UK, local schools	Attendance at student and suppliers day with exhibition banners and leaflets.
11 th October 2022	NLGEPL, Font Communications, STEM, North Lincolnshire Council, Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire, HETA, DN Colleges	Schools and careers workshop: Discussion regarding existing careers activity in the region that NLGEPL can get involved with. Agreement to work together to profile net zero jobs in the region.
11 th October 2022	NLGEPL, Font Communications, Catch UK, North Lincolnshire Council, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Federation of Small Businesses, HETA, DWP.	Training and skills workshop: Discussion regarding skills requirements of the NLGEPL and how to ensure local people are trained to be able to take advantage of available opportunities.
12 th October 2022	NLGEPL, Font Communications, CATCH, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, HETA, DWP	Jobs & Apprenticeships workshop: Discussion regarding jobs/apprenticeship profile of NLGEPL, current apprenticeship schemes that NLGEPL can link into and how best to advertise vacancies to local people.
18 th October 2022	NLGEPL, Font Communications, Catch UK, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce,	Supply chain workshop: discussion regarding proposed 'Meet the Buyer' event and existing networks that can be used to promote supply chain opportunities to local businesses.

3.0 MATTERS

3.1.1 The below Table 3.1 contains a list of 'matters agreed' correct at the date of the Examination Deadline 8 (28th April 2023) along with a concise commentary of what the item refers to and how it came to be agreed between the two parties.

Table 3.2: List of Matters

ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT GROUP POSITION	APPLICANT POSITION	STATUS
<p>The NLGEP will have a positive impact on the local economy with the creation of up to 290 FTE new jobs once it is operational and apprenticeships. By providing low-carbon heat and power, the Project could become an attractive place for businesses to locate, providing an additional 1000 jobs in the local area.</p> <p>Construction of the Project could result in the creation of up to 3350 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs over the whole duration of the construction phase. Direct construction employment could also lead to opportunities for local businesses to supply the project or to benefit from expenditure of construction workers.</p> <p>The Economic & Employment Group has been set up to maximise these opportunities for local people.</p> <p>The purpose of the Economic & Employment Group is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise job opportunities for local people • Maximise supply chain opportunities for local businesses • Work with local training providers to ensure that local people have the right skills to take advantage of the 	<p>This is agreed.</p>	

<p>opportunities the project presents, including reskilling people that are unemployed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the green jobs offered by the project and inspire local people, particularly under represented groups, to consider a career in net zero 		
<p>It is agreed that an Employment & Skills Policy, as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), will maximise the uptake of local employment opportunities. An Annual Monitoring Report will be produced which reports on the criteria set in the Employment and Skills Policy, including the number of local people employed during the construction and operational periods and as apprentices. Progress against targets set out in the Employment & Skills Policy will be reviewed by the Economic & Employment Group on a quarterly basis with a report published annually.</p> <p>An Outline Employment & Skills Policy has been prepared as part of the DCO submission which has been agreed with the Economic & Employment Group.</p>	<p>This is agreed.</p>	
<p>It is agreed that the visitor centre has the potential to support the local community, the wider area and the visitor economy.</p>	<p>This is agreed.</p>	
<p>It is agreed that there is a general need for local employment and training opportunities and that the NLGEP will contribute to the regional net zero opportunity, through the provision of jobs, training and supply chain opportunities. The Economic &</p>	<p>This is agreed.</p>	

<p>Employment Group will be key in helping to ensure a joined up approach with other organisations involved in promoting the region’s net zero cluster and maximising opportunities for all, including following the recent budget announcement that £20bn is to be invested in carbon capture.</p>		
<p>It is agreed that the group will work together to deliver a Meet the Buyer Day in Spring 2023 to maximise awareness of the project and supply chain opportunities on offer to local and regional businesses.</p>	<p>This is agreed.</p>	

4.0 SIGNATURES

4.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground is agreed:

On behalf of Economic & Employment Group

David Talbot, CATCH

JamesMcintosh, CATCH

Jen Vincent, Engineering UTC North Lincs

Paula Goldthorpe, FSB Lincs and SE Yorks

Dan Lewin, STEM Learning

15th May 2023

On behalf of the Applicant:

Name: David Jones

Signature 

Date: 15th May 2023

APPENDIX 1 - Letter of support of NLGEP Project



Redwood Park Estate
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info@catchuk.org

27 April 2023

Colin Hammond
North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Ltd

Dear Colin

Letter of support to the NLGEP project

I am writing to you on behalf of HCF CATCH Ltd (T/A CATCH) to confirm our support for the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park (NLGEP), an exciting regional project to help the UK's transition to a low carbon economy as outlined in the Sixth Carbon Budget (December 2020) and currently being developed.

We believe that the NLGEP will have a positive impact on the local economy, especially considering the potential creation of up to 290 FTE new jobs and, once operational will include an apprenticeship scheme supporting the green economy, which is important to us as a key regional training provider. By providing low-carbon heat and power, the project could attract businesses and candidates to the region by providing additional jobs. The Construction of the project is also key as it could generate the creation of a further 600 jobs and up to 3350 FTE jobs over the whole duration of the construction phase. There would also be further opportunities for local businesses to supply the project or to benefit from the expenditure of the construction workers. This would be of interest and encouraging for some of our member companies who will benefit from these arrangements.

From a tourism perspective, the introduction of a NLGEP visitor centre would be an added attraction to not only visitors but the local community too.

The NLGEP is working closely with stakeholders to maximise the economic and employment opportunities associated with the project through the Economic & Employment group which we as a business are a member of. We have also contributed to the Outline Employment and Skills policy.

Over the past 2-years CATCH has been working with Public and Private stakeholders to deliver the Humber roadmap to net zero industrial emissions. The NLGEP will contribute to the regional net zero opportunity, through the provision of jobs, training and supply chain opportunities. The Economic & Employment Group will be key in helping to ensure a joined-up approach with other organisations involved in promoting the region's net zero

cluster and maximising opportunities for all, including the March 2023 budget announcement that £20bn is to be invested in carbon capture. There is the opportunity for the NLGEP to benefit from the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan work being undertaken on skills.

NLGEP Ltd is a member of the East Coast Cluster which has been named as one of the UK's first carbon capture, usage and storage cluster by the Government. There is the opportunity for CO2 captured from the NLGEP to be linked to the Humber Low Carbon Pipelines project, once consented and constructed, which is part of the East Coast Cluster.

CATCH wishes the NLGEP every success and looks forward to working collaboratively in the future.

Yours faithfully



David Talbot
Chief Executive