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Our Ref: CDP/PREEX/2

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Dear Mr Underwood,

EN010128 CORY DECARBONISATION PROJECT – RESPONSE TO EXA'S RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT A CHANGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) APPLICATION

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Thank you for your letter dated 11 September 2024 providing the Examining Authority's (ExA) response to the Applicant's Notification of Intention to Submit a Change Request (NISCR) [AS-001].

The Applicant provides a response to following matters raised in the ExA's response letter [PD-004].

Proposed Change

In respect of Chapter 8 of the ES: Marine Biodiversity [APP-057], it is noted that the NISCR references Marine Biodiversity as part of the list of topics referred to as having been subject to an early review that has considered that the Change is unlikely to result in changes to the significance of effects for this topic as reported in the ES, its associated appendices, and that the mitigation measures presented remain appropriate.

However, I can confirm that the Applicant will report on this topic, as well as consideration of the Water Framework Directive Assessment [APP-106] and Flood Risk Assessment and Technical Note [APP-107, APP-142], in the Change Application.



Consultation and Programme

In response to the Next Steps of the ExA's response letter, we set out below an update on the programme for the submission of the Change Application:

- in light of the ExA's comments, we will extend the consultation to all section 57 parties.
- the notices will now arrive by/be published on 19 September, to allow the consultation to start on 20 September and close on 20 October.
- the consultation will include relevant illustrative material.
- we will submit the Change Application by 25 October 7 working days prior to the Preliminary Meeting. The submission will contain not only the information required by Step 4 of the PINS AP but also the information requested in the ExA's response letter; and
- the Change Application will consider all of the points made in the ExA's response letter.

The Applicant hopes that this letter is helpful in clarifying the matters raised in the ExA's response letter. If the ExA or the case team have any question on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or my project team.

Yours sincerely,

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