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Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010128

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008, Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (CEHL), Proposed Cory Decarbonisation Project Order

Deadline 2 Submission

On 18 April 2024, the Marine Management Organisation (the "MMO") received notice under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "PA 2008") that the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") had accepted an application made by Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (the "Applicant") for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Cory Decarbonisation Project (the "DCO Application") (MMO ref: DCO/2023/00007; PINS ref: EN010128).

The Applicant seeks authorisation for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a carbon capture facility, including supporting plant and ancillary infrastructure.

This written representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application throughout the examination process. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

Yours faithfully



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1. Comments on responses to Relevant Representations

- 1.1. The MMO has provided its comments in relation to the Applicant's response to our Relevant Representation in Section 3 of our Deadline 1 response. The MMO is hopeful that the applicant will submit their responses to this at Deadline 2, which we will review and provide comment on at Deadline 3 if required.
- 1.2. The MMO has no further comments regarding responses to Relevant Representations made by the Applicant or other Interested Parties.

2. Comments on Written Representations

- 2.1. The MMO has reviewed the Written Representations of the following interested parties:
 - Environment Agency
 - Port of London Authority
 - Natural England
- 2.2. The MMO has no comments on these and will maintain a watching brief on any further discussions or issues, in particular if any mitigation should be secured within the DML.

3. Comments on "DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER: 3.1" the Applicant's Draft DCO Tracked Changes

- 3.1. The MMO submitted initial comments on the DCO in our Deadline 1 response and are hopeful that the Applicant will submit responses, or an updated DCO, at Deadline 2, which we will review and provide comment on at Deadline 3 if required.
- 3.2. Due to current low capacity in the team, we have not been able to provide further comments regarding the DCO and DML at Deadline 2, we will now look to provide these at Deadline 3 on 17 January 2025.

4. Marine Plan Policy Assessment

4.1. The Environmental Statement (ES) correctly identified that the proposed development is within the South East Inshore Marine Plan area. The MMO requests that all policies are reviewed within a table to show compliance. This must be produced as the Secretary of State must use the South East Marine Plan when making planning decisions for the sea, coast, estuaries and tidal waters, as well as developments that impacts these areas, such as infrastructure. The relevant marine plan policies that should be met can be identified using the Explore Marine Plans tool and policy information on the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/explore-marine-plans

Although some Marine Plan Policies are discussed under the relevant chapters to which they relate, the MMO requires the Applicant to detail how the proposed project is compliant with the relevant marine plans by producing a marine plan policy assessment in one document.