

The Infrastructure Planning Commission
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Our ref: RA/2014/129706/04-L01
Your ref: EN070001
Our ID: 10029788
Date: 23 January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

**HEARING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS) PROJECT -
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER.
CCS ROUTE FROM DRAX TO BARMSTON, EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.**

We would like to make you aware that it is our intention not to attend any of the upcoming hearing sessions. We have come to this decision for the following reasons:

Water Voles – You will see from our Written Representation and Deadline 2 (responses to comments on Relevant Representation) submission that our previous concerns about water voles have been satisfactorily addressed by the supplementary information provided by National Grid in their Deadline 1 comments on our Relevant Representation. We therefore do not wish to make any further representations on this matter.

Sediment - National Grid made further submissions about this issue in their comments on our Written Representation. These comments propose amendments to sections 1.4.6 and 9.3.4 of the Code of Construction Practice – an amended version incorporating these changes was submitted by National Grid at Deadline 2. The proposed changes are acceptable to us and serve to address our outstanding concerns on this matter.

Hydro-static Testing – As per our Deadline 2 submission (responses to comments on Relevant Representation) we are now satisfied with the additional information and assessment provided by National Grid. We therefore do not wish to make any further representations on this matter.

River Hull/Driffield Canal Crossing - National Grid made further submissions about this issue in their comments on our Written Representation. These comments propose an amendment to section 10.3.17 of the Code of Construction Practice – an amended version incorporating these changes was submitted by National Grid at Deadline 2. The

proposed change is acceptable to us and serves to address our outstanding concerns on this matter.

Enhancement – We do not wish to make any further representations on this matter, beyond those made in our Written Representation, save to say that National Grid in their Deadline 2 submissions, do not appear to have presented any arguments why those enhancement opportunities evident at the River Hull/Driffield Canal crossing cannot be taken, merely relying on the fact that EN-1 does not prescribe what enhancement must be delivered by an NSIP in order for it to comply with the policy.

We understand that a representative of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will be attending the upcoming site visit and will be able and willing to highlight to the Inspector the enhancement opportunities available in this location. We ask only that the Inspector avails himself of these opportunities and gives full consideration to the appropriateness of imposing a legal mechanism which would require National Grid to deliver these enhancement opportunities as part of the project.

Development Consent Order – National Grid submitted a revised DCO at Deadline 2, which incorporated changes to requirements 5 and 6, as well as a number of additions (sub-clauses 5-10) to requirement 9. These amendments/additions were in response to our previous comments and are acceptable to us. As such, we do not currently wish to make any further representations about the DCO.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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